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The Bethel Oxford County Citizen

Volume LXXXI—Number 17 BETHEL, MAINE, WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24, 1985 20 Cents a Copy

M.S.A.D. #44 Directors' meeting

The SAD 44 Board of Directors met in regular session in the library at Telstar Regional High School on Monday evening of this week.

The directors approved a field trip to Boston requested by Telstar Middle School teachers Nancy Fox and Beverly Melville. The trip will involve approximately 25 grade 7 students and 25 grade 8 students and two teachers, with the possibility of several parents to assist in chaperoning duties. The group is to attend the Chamber Repertory Theatre's production of "Double Billing: Poe & Twain." Both of the middle school classes will be studying a novel by Mark Twain very soon.

Marie Bartlett of Greenwood and JoAnn Crockett of Bethel were approved by the board as food service workers. Michael Liimatta was approved as a teacher in the Adult and Community Education Program for the remainder of the current school year.

The following were approved as lead teachers in the district's elementary continued on Page Two

BETHEL AREA SWIM PROGRAM WILL BEGIN MONDAY, JUNE 24

The Bethel Area Swim Program will begin on Monday, June 24, and will run for four weeks, ending on July 19. Regular children's classes will be scheduled throughout the day beginning at 8 a.m. at Songo Pond.

Any child six years old or entering the first grade in the fall is eligible for regular class instruction. Classes will include: Non Swimmer, Beginner, Advanced Beginner, Intermediate, Swimmer, and Basic Rescue and Water Safety. Advanced Lifesaving is offered on alternate years and is not being offered this summer.

The class schedule is designed to accommodate all ranges of ability and interest. Non Swimmer is intended for young children who are either afraid of the water or who have had no previous experience but desire to learn to swim. This class focuses on the basics of floating, pulling the face in the water, rhythmic breathing and beginning rudiments of beginner stroke.

Beginner class is intended for young children who have either previous swim experience, able to perform the above mentioned skills in the Non Swimmer class, or who are comfortable in the water. Children enrolling in this class should be able to swim unassisted for 15 feet, put their face in the water and float on their backs.

Prerequisites for the Advanced Beginner class include swimming 20 yards using the crawl stroke, diving into deep water and treading water.

Potential Intermediates should be able to perform the crawl stroke for 50 yards, elementary backstroke, survival float, and be relaxed in deep water.

Swimmer candidates should be able to swim the crawl stroke 75 yards, elementary backstroke and have mastered separately the arm strokes and kicks of the breaststrokes and sidestroke.

Basic Rescue and Water Safety is for youngsters age 11 or older who desire to learn basic non-contact rescue techniques and increase awareness of personal water safety. Students must have passed Swimmer class or the continued on Page Two

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SWINGING AWAY: Telstar batter Rick Bodwell swings and misses during Monday's game against Kennett. The Rebels played with the visitors right into extra innings, but finally bowed, 11-7. It was the last of the exhibition

Annual spring clean-up day in Bethel Monday, May 6

Bethel's Annual Spring Clean-Up Day has been scheduled for Monday, May 6. Highway Department personnel will begin the pick up on all Bethel roads and streets at 8 a.m. Materials should be placed in plastic bags or other disposable containers and brush should be tied in bundles. Items should weigh no more than what can be lifted by two men. Persons with items weighing more should contact Robert Davis at the Highway Garage, at 824-2370.

Olde Home Day scheduled for August 3rd in Andover

Andover's summer celebration—Olde Home Day—will be Saturday, Aug. 3, and a good time is on tap for all. Things will get going the night before, Friday night, with a square dance in the town hall.

On Saturday, there will be the annual parade, starting at 10 a.m.

The day will also feature a woodsmen's contest, organized by Alan Chapman and Rex Thurston. They expect competitors from three states to vie for the prizes.

There will also be a quilt show and arm wrestling during the day, and a cabaret dance that night at the fire station.

The theme of the celebration this year is "Songs of Yesteryear," suggested by Grace Simmons. The day this year will mark the 10th anniversary of the organizing of the Andover Historical Society.

If anyone is willing to serve as parade chairman, he or she should volunteer at the town office.

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'VISITATION FROM KEATS' AT GOULD THURSDAY, APRIL 25

Actor Mark Stevenson began working on a drama about the life of the romantic poet John Keats in 1976. The result of his labor in 1977 was a one-man play in which Stevenson's performance of "A Visitation from John Keats" can be seen on Thursday, April 25, at Gould Academy, beginning at 7:30 p.m. in Bingham Auditorium. The public is invited at no charge.

Stevenson's drama was first performed in London in 1977 before a standing-room-only crowd of the Keats-Shelley Society in the actual rooms where Keats had lived. Shortly thereafter it played for a week at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival, concurrently with Julie Harris in "The Bell of Amherst." Since his return from England Mr. Stevenson has appeared at the Circle Repertory Company in New York. He has toured extensively as John Keats here and abroad, visiting schools, colleges, and theaters. Mr. Stevenson reenacts the poet interacting with Fannie Braun (the woman to whom most of his poems were dedicated), Shelly, and with his poems, which are woven into the vignettes as it they were being written spontaneously.

CAR WASH—BOTTLE DRIVE—FOOD SALE

The senior class at Telstar Regional High School will be holding a car wash, bottle drive and food sale on Saturday, April 27, at the SAD 44 Bus Garage. It's the perfect time to get your car washed, or get rid of your bottles and cans. For bottle pick up call 824-2603. Come, support the Senior class!!

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Ambulance garage bid up for discussion today; so is next year's budget

The Facilities Committee last week rejected the idea of sending the planned ambulance garage back out to bid. Instead, the committee voted to bring the low bidder—D.C. King Co., of York—and the architect together to discuss changes in the plans or the specifications in order to reduce the price.

The low bid was \$75,654 for the building only. The town had allocated \$72,000 for the building, paving and landscaping. Town officials had expected the bid to be between \$50,000 and \$60,000 on the building.

The meeting to discuss changing the plans or specifications will be today (Wednesday), at 4:30, in the town office.

The Budget Committee has been working on the proposed budget for the past week, holding its final meeting last night (Tuesday). The Board of Selectmen will get the budget back tonight, at a 7 p.m. meeting. The Budget Committee has suggested further cuts in the \$797,987 spending package put together by the selectmen.

In last week's Citizen story on the budget, it was incorrectly reported that the public works employee bonuses were \$7,000. It should have read \$700. Moreover, the bonuses were already given out, and will not be carried forward into the new budget as reported.

Daylight Time Begins
Sunday, April 28
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DISTRICT 41-LIONS IN CONVENTION AT BETHEL INN FRIDAY-SATURDAY-SUNDAY

Earl Dotson of Columbia, Va., a director of the International Association of Lions Clubs in the United States, will address the Lions of District 41-L (southern Maine) on Saturday, April 27. About 250 people are expected to attend the District Convention being held at the Bethel Inn, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, April 26, 27 and 28.

Mr. Dotson represents more than 1.3 million members of over 33,000 Lions Clubs in 150 countries and geographical areas around the world. He is one of 33 international officers and directors of the Association from 14 countries.

Citizen special sections available for distribution

The Bethel Citizen's summer recreation tabloid is off the press and available for distribution. Chamber of Commerce members who would like a supply of the colorful tabloids in their places of business may pick up copies at the Citizen office or through the Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce.

Last week, 5,000 copies of the tabloids were delivered to sports stores and sportswear shops on Boston's north shore and in the Portsmouth, N.H., area. Further deliveries will be made to YMCAs, tourist information centers, military bases, and other distribution points in the Boston, Portsmouth and Portland areas.

A total of 25,000 copies of the tabloid will be distributed in the next month-and-a-half, with the aim of attracting more summer tourists to the Bethel area.

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One more candidate joins selectman race

Burton Hejduk took out nomination papers last week for the three-year seat that will be open on the Bethel Board of Selectmen. The seat is currently held by Peter Haines, who has not taken out papers for re-election.

Edleen Winslow had earlier taken out papers, and returned them with the required number of signatures. Neither Mrs. Winslow nor Mr. Hejduk have filed for the three-year assessor seat.

Victor Coolidge has returned his papers for the one-year selectman seat, a vacancy that occurred when Danny Davis resigned last month. Mr. Coolidge also has filed for the one-year assessor position.

In the SAD 44 school board race, incumbent Kay Chadbourne has returned her papers, as has Cheryl Eliot. There are two seats open. Will Graham took out papers but has not yet returned them.

April 29, 5 p.m., is the last minute for returning papers. The election will be June 3.

County's assessment startles Andover officials

The Andover Board of Selectmen received the town's assessment from the county, and it was a whopper — \$25,125, up \$9,500 from last year. "We had no idea there was going to be such an increase," commented Selectman Jane Rich.

The bill is payable in September, and the larger-than-expected payment will not help the town's tax rate. "Our guesses on taxes are right down the tubes," Mrs. Rich said.

At their meeting last night (Tuesday), the selectmen met with Marshall Meisner and other members of the Budget Committee on the question of what truck to purchase for plowing. The present plow truck, suffering again from a bent frame, will be retired to sanding duties after it is repaired. It is presently in Berlin getting its frame straightened.

The joint committees considered four replacement trucks—a Mack, a Ford, a GMC and an International—with prices ranging from \$37,000 to \$63,000, the latter the cost of a Mack. A final decision is expected next week.

Woodstock selectmen decide to buy Ford 1-ton

The Woodstock Board of Selectmen decided last night (Tuesday) to purchase a Ford 1-ton truck for plowing. The cost will be approximately \$18,000, with delivery in June. The small truck should be better than a larger truck for plowing on thawed roads, the selectmen decided.

The board received three bids on 500-feet of chainlink fence for the joint transfer station. They are continuing to meet with Greenwood selectmen on improving the station and have sent state samples to DEP to see if they meet state compaction standards for a cover for the old dump.

The town attorney has been busy getting papers served on abutters in the Lake Road land dispute, as well as dealing with the opposing attorney on trying to do something with the Kimball property on Main Street.

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Opinions

... an aversion to wet feet?

With nomination papers due next Monday for the Bethel election to be held June 3 only two contests are evident at this time.

Two three-year terms are to be filled on the SAD 44 Board of Directors, and a single year term on the Boards of Selectmen and Assessors, as well as a three-year term on the Selectmen/Assessors.

For the SAD 44 Board incumbent Kay Chadbourne is desirous of reelection, with Cheryl Eliot and William Graham also seeking positions on the district panel. Two-term board member Ruth Feeney is not a candidate for another three years as a director.

In the selectmen/assessors category, Victor Coolidge will seek election to the one-year vacancy created by the recent resignation of Daniel Davis, with Edleen Winslow and Burt Hejduk each seeking the three-year term as selectman only. No one as yet has indicated an interest in the three-year assessor opening. As of Tuesday noon incumbent Selectman/Assessor Peter Haines had not indicated whether or not he will seek reelection.

With only two contests readily apparent, it does not bode well for a sizeable voter turn-out in early June. While the quantity of candidates does not ensure their quality it would appear that a larger slate of candidates would bring a greater number of voters to the polling place.

More and more in recent years an attitude has been evident of not wanting to "run against" anyone else. To our mind that is a fallacious attitude, a cop-out that does not "wash." It would seem that more enlightened reasoning would be, "I think I can do as good or better job" than those who have gone before.

Although candidates are sometimes successful who have an "ax to grind" or who seek to do a "hatchet job" concerning a particular issue or person, they frequently are one-termers who fade from public scrutiny and return to their role as curmudgeons and self-appointed experts on the public scene.

This is not to criticize the motive or the quality of current candidates, but is only a desire to have the election in June decided by as great a number of local voters as possible. To that end a greater number of candidates would appear to be essential.

So any potential candidates, either former office holders or those who seek to get their "feet wet" in local political waters for the first time, are reminded to pick up nomination papers at the Town Office and return them no later than 5 p.m. on April 29.

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Transmitter fund update

Donors to the WCBT Transmitter Fund in the past week include Murray Thurston, Kendall Insurance, Harry Dresser, John and Susie Wright, Norman and Joan Putnam, Lucia and Jim Owen, Dorothea Hiltz, Will and Marguerite Graham, Lynda and Steve Chandler, Bill and Ki Clough, John and Jan Todd, Guy and Nancy Butler, Archie and Jane Young, Pixie Williams, Bob Elliott, Herbert Morton III, John Freeman, Dennis and Elizabeth Doyon, Littlefield Beaches Campground, Ronald Willard, Robert and Althea Stevens, Peter and Vicki Kicelle.

Also, Wendie Gray, Ken and Betsy Paquette, William Cramton, Arnold Alexander, Jim and MaryLou Fiske, Mary Wheeler, John and Linda Caron.

Donations should be sent to Cathy Newell at Box 65, Bethel, Maine 04217, with checks made out to WCBT. Those who have pledged are asked to send their checks by May 1 or to contact Cathy Newell to complete a pledge card to arrange payment after that date.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE NOTES

The Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce met Tuesday, April 23, at the home of Bernie Wideman and Mary Clark.

Discussion centered on some unfinished projects, including the booklet, Kittery display, Mollycoddett Day schedule and publicity, and the nominating committee for the 1985/86 directors.

There was some discussion on the feasibility of having a permanent office for the chamber next year and of offering a stipend to the executive director and secretary/treasurer.

The April 30 meeting will be held at the home of Dana and Barbara Douglass.

ROUND ROBIN BRIDGE

Twenty players in the Round Robin Bridge group met Sunday, April 21, at the R.F.D. #1 Restaurant for the final game of the 15th season. A luncheon of seafood newburg, toss salad and apple crisp was served and the group enjoyed hors d'oeuvres and beverages throughout the afternoon.

Jay Willard received high score for the session; second went to Frank Gibson; third, Norma Jodrey; fourth, Cynthia Mason; and fifth, Connie Thurston. The "glad you came" prize went to Ruth Wright. Individual high scorer was Norma Jodrey, with Joan Putnam receiving individual low score. Those joining with the regular members were: Patricia Bennett, Carolyn Brooks, Barbara Douglass and Edith Eypper.

ROTARY CLUB NEWS

The Bethel Rotary Club held its luncheon meeting at the Sudbury Inn Tuesday, April 23.

The scheduled program chairman for this meeting was Bob Chadbourne. Due to sudden illness, his guest speaker, Brian Wiley of Great Northern Paper Co., was unable to give his talk on the Big A hydroelectric project.

Club members joined in discussion on Mollycoddett Day planning, dance receipts, and other club business.

Visiting Rotarians were Mike Thurston, Rumford club, and Curtis Cole, Oxford Hills club.

Rotary information provided by Romeo Baker was a question and answer session about just what Rotary represents.

The program for next week will include a videotape documentary of a huge competition at Lake Placid. Guests will be Jody Shimamura and Jon Owens, participants in the competition.

A special thanks to all the dance fans for supporting the Mud Ball on Saturday, April 20. Your continued support to Rotary Club projects is solicited so that the club can meet its goals and commitments to the community and the organization.

MISSIONARY SPEAKER AT GOSPEL CENTER APRIL 27-28

Rev. Andy and Norma Gardiner will be the guest speakers at the Bethel Gospel Center in Bethel on April 27 and 28. Missionaries to Africa for over 30 years, the Gardiners will be sharing their experiences through slides and talks. Africa has been much in the news lately due to its widespread famine. Come and hear first hand information from this great land.

The first meeting will be Saturday evening, April 27, at 6:30 p.m. Sunday, April 28, will begin at 8:30 a.m. with a pancake breakfast, Sunday School at 9, worship service at 10 and closing session at 6 p.m. The public is invited cordially to attend.

RUMFORD POINT CHURCH PLANNING RUMMAGE/FOOD SALE

The Ladies Aid of the Rumford Church will hold a rummage and food sale at the church on Friday, April 26. The sale will begin at 10 a.m. and run until 6 p.m.

Anyone wishing to donate rummage to the sale may leave it at the church Thursday afternoon or contact anyone on the rummage or food committee.

CARD OF THANKS

The family of Ina Mundt would like to thank everyone for their cards and thoughtfulness shown to us in the past few weeks.

Letters to the Editor

To the Editor:

On Wednesday, April 10, the State Board of Environmental Protection approved the plans put forth by the towns of Greenwood and Woodstock to transform the existing Greenwood dump into a transfer station, to be shared by both towns. When this process began everyone assumed that it would be an easy undertaking. After all, the Selectmen of these towns were offering to change what was now an open burning dump into a clean non-polluting transfer station. As every Selectman involved in this case will attest, it was anything but easy.

The Greenwood/Woodstock transfer station project soon became a classic case of town government officials battling state government regulations. From my vantage point, both parties had legitimate concerns. The town officials felt that the state was ignoring their local expertise and over-estimating their local budget. On the other hand, the Board of Environmental Protection was committed to enforcing certain standard regulations.

Often times the conflicts between state and local governments become so bitter that no progress is possible. I write today to congratulate the Selectmen of these two towns for their cool and practical approach to a very frustrating situation. Frank Bean, Ethel Davis and Cliff York from Woodstock, and Wayne Redman and Herbie Dunham of Greenwood deserve the thanks of their towns for their hard work. Those individuals from both towns who signed and circulated petitions in favor of the transfer station should be satisfied that their concerns were heard. And finally the staff and Board of Environmental Protection should be complimented for their assistance and patience.

Sincerely,

R. Donald Twitchell
State Senator

BETHEL SWIM CLASSES

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equivalent. This class is open to adults. A minimum of six students is necessary to conduct this class. There is an additional charge for class material in BR&WS beyond the standard registration fee.

A Tiny Tot class may be offered if sufficient numbers enroll. This is a class designed for parent and child together in the water assisted by an instructor. Exercise, water adjustment skills and some limited swimming skills for older children are the goals in this class. Children age five and under are eligible. A text is available and is recommended for participating adults. Progress and expectations are solely dependent upon the individuals involved; there is no formal instruction or testing of the participants.

Preregistration forms will be available at the Bethel Town Office from May 1 through May 30. Completed forms for each child with the registration fee should be returned to the Bethel Town Office by May 30 for scheduling purposes. Fees are \$5 per child or \$10 per family for residents and \$10 per child and \$20 per family for non residents. The swim schedule will be posted in the June 12 issue of the Bethel Citizen.

SAD 44 DIRECTORS MEET

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schools, with accompanying stipends, for the 1985-86 school year: Andover Elementary School, John Emery (\$850); Crescent Park School, Mary Newcomb (\$450); Ethel Bisbee School, Wendy Driscoll (\$450); Woodstock Elementary School, Lorraine Cyr (\$850).

It was the decision of the board to delete the one percent (of the project cost) reserved for "art" in the proposed Woodstock School building project.

An agenda item concerning alternatives for the NOVA program was referred to the Education Committee. That committee is to formulate procedural guidelines for board discussion of possible alternatives for the delivery of the benefits of vocational education to SAD 44 students. For several years there has been dissatisfaction among board members with the program as provided by the Northern Oxford Vocational Area, including the expense of the program to SAD 44 and the limited number of students from this area involved.

Before the close of the meeting an executive session was held for discussion of matters pertaining to personnel and negotiations.

Board members not present Monday evening: John Foster, Andover; Kay Chadbourne, Bethel; and Sheryl Wilbur, Woodstock.

The next meeting of the SAD 44 board is scheduled for Monday evening, May 13, at 7:30 in the library at Telstar Regional High School.

Sub-committees of the SAD 44 Board of Directors have been announced as follows:

Buildings and Grounds: Daniel Cole, Nancy Dewing, both of Greenwood; Ruth Feeney, Bethel; Paul Hillquist, Woodstock; Rex Thurston, Andover; Eva C. Twitchell, Woodstock.

Finance: Merton Brown, Bethel; Daniel Cole; Ruth Feeney.

Personnel: Merton Brown; John Foster, Andover; Robin Fraser, Newry; Harry Swan, Greenwood; Eva C. Twitchell; Sheryl Wilbur, Woodstock.

Education: Alvin Barth, Bethel; Kay Chadbourne, Bethel; John Foster, Paul Hillquist; Stanley Howe, Bethel; Richard McVey, Newry; Rex Thurston; Sheryl Wilbur.

Negotiations: John Brown, Bethel; Darlene Hall; Harry Swan.

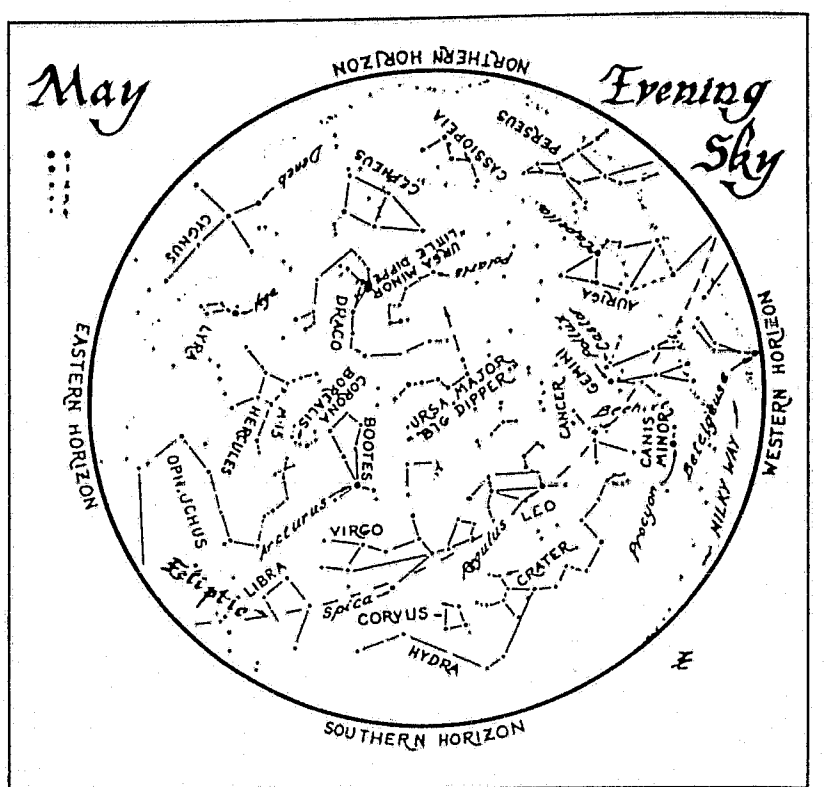
Policy: Alvin Barth, Bethel; John Brown; Daniel Cole; Nancy Dewing; Robin Fraser; Stanley Howe; Richard McVey.

Chairman of the Board, Darlene Hall; Vice Chairman, Stanley Howe.

[A revision of certain sub-committee assignments will be made following the municipal election in Bethel in early June.]

Ms. Jeri Brooks has been elected for inclusion in the 1984 Outstanding Young Women of America awards program. The young people chosen are those who have exemplified leadership and service to their communities. To be nominated as an Outstanding Young Woman of America signifies success, recognition, and appreciation.

Julie Daye has returned home after spending five weeks in Florida. Friends of her mother (Lina Reynolds) will be pleased to know she is now settled in her new home at 424 Hillcrest Ave., Lake Wales, Fla. 33853.



SKYWATCH

Some say the goddess Maia gave her name to May; others suggest the Latin word majores—ancestors—is the origin.

The May night sky is a perfect blackboard for constellation-finding, since the Milky Way (the disc of our galaxy) lies low along the horizon. The first constellation on our list this month is Ursa Major, also called the Big Dipper. This month, the bowl, or cup, of the dipper is turned down, as if pouring water on the Earth.

In ancient mythology, the Great Bear was once a maiden named Callisto, who was loved by Zeus. In a fit of jealousy, Hera, Zeus' wife, changed Callisto into a bear. Her son, Arcas, was a hunter, and one day Callisto, overjoyed at seeing Arcas in the forest, rose on her hind legs to greet him. Alas, he did not recognize her and drew his bow to shoot. But Zeus, seeing all from Olympus, instantly changed Arcas into a bear cub and flung them both into the heavens, directly above the Earth's North Pole. The constellations in this part of the sky circle the pole star, Polaris, never setting below the horizon. So these stars are called circumpolar.

Two stars in Ursa Major, forming the front part of the bowl, point to Polaris. The top one is called Dubhe, which means "bear" in Arabic. A visual binary star system is located in the middle of the long handle, or tail, of the Big Bear. The Arabs called this close pair of stars the Horse and Rider, although to Native Americans it was the Squaw and Papoose. It is a good test of your eyesight to separate these two without the aid of binoculars. Extending the arc of the tail of Ursa Major, you can "arc to Arcturus, then speed to Spica," the brightest star in the second largest constellation, Virgo.

Virgo lies on her side along the ecliptic (the path that the Sun seems to follow through the sky), with her head toward Leo, her left arm down at her side and her hand clutching a sheaf of wheat, marked by the brilliant star Spica. Virgo has been considered an earth- or mother-goddess for thousands

of years because the life-giving sun is in this constellation at harvest time in autumn. In Egypt she is known as Isis; in Greece, Persephone; and by the ancient Saxons as Eostre.

You may have heard that the stars as we see them today, making up our familiar constellations, have not always been in these same positions. They are actually moving apart from one another, even now, at enormous speeds, nearly undetectable to us in our lifetimes. The stars of Ursa Major require tens of thousands of years to change position by even one degree on the celestial sphere. About 250,000 years ago, Swanscombe man saw what looked more like a bear and less like a dipper. Neanderthal man, from the caves at Lascaux and Altamira, saw the constellation slowly changing to the dipper form.

MAY PLANETS: Venus and Mercury have become "morning stars," rising less than two hours and less than one hour, respectively, before the Sun. Mercury is most favorably positioned on May Day (May 1), and it will move quickly eastward into the glare of the Sun, where it will be completely hidden before month's end. The best way to locate Mercury throughout May will be to find its much brighter sister, Venus—almost due east. Then looking lower in the sky and slightly farther north, search for the dimmer "messenger of the gods"—Mercury.

For nightbirds, the golden orb of Saturn is well-placed in the evening sky. It will rise at sunset on the 15th and cross our meridian (a sky line running from north to south overhead), very close to the horizon. If you have been watching it, Saturn is still moving retrograde (east to west) slowly through the stars of Libra, where it will remain until December.

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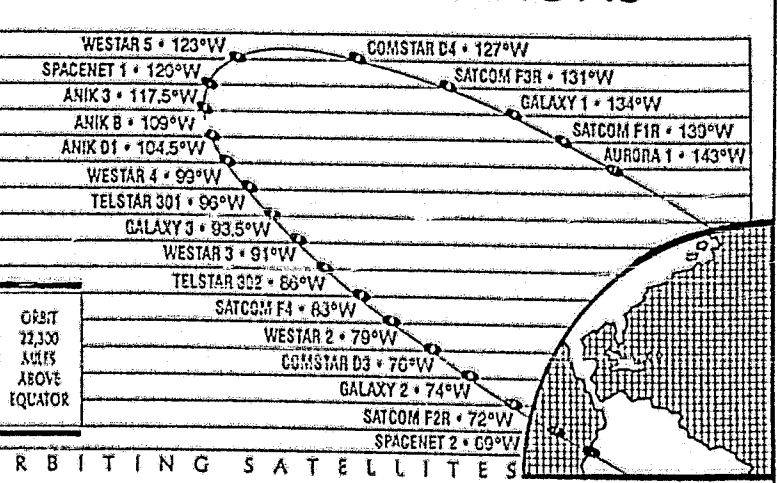
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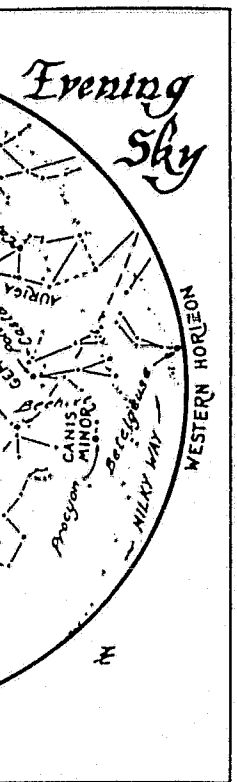
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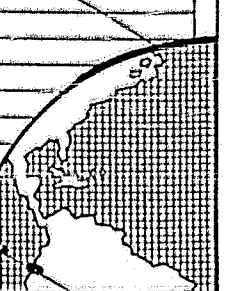
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By COLISTA MORGAN

This morning of April 15 was hazy; the sun not as brilliant as sometimes but there was a balmy warmth that called to me. A smell of spring was in the air, too. How different from yesterday afternoon, which was typical for April; showery and sunny in turn. The sky was purplish gray with heavy clouds but little rain came.

Today I caught a glimpse of a small gray bird, a familiar figure, a bit bigger than a sparrow. Now and again its tail gave a quick twitch. Then came its clear unmistakable call phoe-hee. It seemed to tell me to get out to the fields and woods; there is a world of fascinating nature lore waiting for you. For several springs a pair has built a mud-crusted nest above our shed door.

I first went to look for the mayflowers, just curious. None yet, but soon.

I watched the sun probe the bare treetops and cross the valley. This, I suppose, was like other April skies. But to me it seemed to hold a new quality of its own, a new freshness and beauty. To have the warmth again after so many clouds, made the world more inviting.

The pond reflected the clouds and I watched the ducks swim and stand on their heads. One perched on top of the muskrat house. Now and then he whipped his wings with powerful strokes, throwing out his chest.

I stopped to check on my skunk cabbage; no cabbage. It had vanished. I do have a real skunk though which comes in under my kitchen window most evenings about eight o'clock. I'm trying to get his picture. Wish me luck!

A lone blackbird was perched upon a tall reed. He piped a few melancholy notes as clear as the river water which flowed to the pond.

The earth seemed bright with this touch of spring. The world was young again; refreshed by a long sleep; it tossed its head and threw off sluggishness. It was awakened by the warmth of the day and the gentle rain of yesterday.

I came home to clear the lawns of winter's broken and scattered sticks, to do some raking and to mend flower boxes.

Now I wait for the trilling of the spring peepers.

The Tuesday Club met with Helen Chojnacki April 16 at her home for a social afternoon.

Fay Holt and her two sons planned to go to Boston April 18 when they all had appointments with an eye specialist.

We were at Ernest Mundt's in Bethel on Friday.

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By CLARICE GIBSON

Starting before 4 p.m. the 16th we had about 10 minutes of almost mini-hurricane weather. Then afterwards it cleared for awhile but after supper we again had high winds and rain but this time also had thunder and lightning. Wednesday was also windy all day but beautiful overhead. The wind took out the top of a pine and blew it across MacDougall's lawn not missing the house by too much. It is however, promising spring as the snow is almost all gone, but we do still need rain.

Wednesday, the 10th, Evelyn Hilborn picked me up early for my checkup at Portland which was at 9 a.m. On the way back we stopped at Stephens Memorial Hospital, Norway, so I could get blood tests. Who should we see in the lobby but Bob and Joyce Stearns, Bob's cousin, Florence Morton, York, Maine; and Rev. Churchill of Andover, who were there as Bob's aunt, Vivian Barlow of East Andover, was being operated on. Joyce has been going down each day to visit Mrs. Barlow.

Mr. and Mrs. Stan Brown went shopping in Lewiston Wednesday. Mrs. Brown recently returned from a trip to Wyoming where she visited her son, Corey, and family. Mrs. Brown helped with the grandchildren while there.

Vacation week so Judy Coolidge and Karen Bean are home from teaching duties and, of course, children are home.

Sylvia Benson and daughters Sharon Kimball and Sylvia Gardner, went to a trade show in Westbrook on the 14th. The 15th Sylvia took Frank Benson to Stephens Memorial Hospital for tests. Manuel and Sheri Cordova are staying with her folks and family, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Angevine. They drove from New Mexico, arriving the 14th.

April 12th Frances Farnum, Bryant Pond, and Bertha Flanders, Locke Mills; went to Gorham and Berlin, N.H., shopping. April 13th Evelyn Hilborn went to the installation and dinner at Jefferson Chapter, OES, Bryant Pond, as guests of Bertha Flanders; the 14th, Evelyn had a trip to Bridgton and Fryeburg with Frances Farnum, Bryant Pond, and Louvie Coffin, West Paris. Evelyn had visitors drop in from Canada on their way to Nova Scotia.

Lea MacDougall came home from her work at Augusta the 12th and Alden MacDougall went back the 15th.

Ernest and Alberta Angevine, Avery and Mary Angevine, Bethel; Johnny and Connie Angevine of Colebrook, N.H., took a trip to Canada for the day. Ernest and Alberta Angevine took his uncle,

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Peter Lombard, East Stoneham, to a K. of P. meeting in Portland, Sunday, the 14th, and Ernest and Alberta went to the Home Show at the Expo.

Karen Bean is on jury duty at South Paris. Karen was cleaning up the backyard (they live in the old Wilson place) and found bloodroot and crocus in blossom.

Saturday, the 13th, Elsie Davis was tendered a surprise 80th birthday party at the Sudbury Inn. After the party Dr. and Mrs. Leonard Shaw had several of those who attended the party as visitors at their home in Northwest Bethel.

Donny Bachelder called at his in-laws, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Smith's, Saturday and again on Sunday. Christine called on Sunday.

Tobey Walker, son of Frank Walker, West Bethel, is visiting his friend, Andy Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Homer Smith over vacation.

Charles (Chuckie) Mason IV had his seventh birthday at his parents', Mr. and Mrs. Charles Mason III, the 17th. Chuckie drew a skidder on his cake. Besides sisters Jennifer and Meredith and Grammie and Grampa (Ruth and Charles Mason), attending were Rocky, Scotty and Jana Mason, Jennie Morin, Adam Luxton, Andy Dennis, Ryan Seames, Jarred Crockett, Nick Chapman, Carlin Kavanagh, and Jeff Angevine. They played ball outdoors.

Thelma Merrill has been very sick with the flu. Gerry Shimamura went to Lewiston Wednesday.

Richard Saunders visited his father, Everett Saunders, in New York, recently.

Pat Saunders had as Sunday guests, her sister, Becky Melchin and two children of Hyde Park, Mass., and mother, Eleanor Morton of Newry.

Mrs. William Bryant of Canton, and son, Ira, came for a visit and dinner.

The 12th Elaine Packard and Louise Loring came in for a visit.

Ira and Joy Bryant came the 14th for the night. The 15th George packed a lunch. George, Ira and Joy drove to Bridgton and climbed Pleasant Mountain.

Our son, Frankie, and his daughter, Theresa, came for a visit.

Lester Butters took Ruth to Lewiston for an eye appointment the 18th. They met her sister-in-law from Lovell, and her friend, and all went out to dinner.

Ruth and Lester Butters went shopping in Norway the 17th.

Rev. Guy Downing called on Myrtle Lapham the 19th.

It is in loving, not in being loved.

The heart finds its quest.

It is in giving, not in getting
our lives our best.

North Paris

By EVELINE B. VATCHER

The robins have been flying around this week so it must be spring. Joe Vatcher got the peas planted just before the rain so they should get sprouted good.

Tuesday was a most beautiful day. The kids shed their outer jackets and wiped the sweat and then Wednesday they had to button the jackets clear to their necks to keep out the strong wind.

The state road crew brought their sweeper and tools and swept up the surplus sand on our new road Wednesday and finished the job in nothing flat. The town should have a crew like that, sprinkler and all. Several of the men were interested in the large black dish in our yard. It is interesting to see the dish turn when we change channels. We get ballgames galore.

Callers at Lawrences: Stan Heath, Odell Heath, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Downing, Amy, Ryan, Rhoda Vatcher, Margie Fuller, Bessie Fuller, Arnold Coffin, Joe and Eveline Vatcher, Jeff Coffin, Roddie Westleigh and Todd McKenzie, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Abbott.

Mrs. Helen Bertholdt, Angela, Joanna, Christopher and Cynthia of Saugus, Mass., and Andrea Vatcher, Lynn, Mass., came Monday evening to the home of her mother, Rhoda Vatcher. The grandchildren had a wonderful time with Grandma and the "animals." They went home late Thursday.

Mrs. Beryl Oja and her sister, Mrs. Evelyn Chamberlain, went to Arizona April 23 to the home of Beryl's daughter, Beth, who is expecting a bundle of joy. They will return May 4.

Mr. and Mrs. Everett White, Kevin, Shawn, Colleen and Kerriann of Merrimac, Mass., spent the day Tuesday with their mother and grandmother, Rhoda Vatcher.

Mr. and Mrs. Nathan went to Florida April 20 for a vacation.

Smelts are running. Sayward Lamb and Joe Vatcher will look like smelts. Joe Vatcher has been painting at the community hall.

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Tri-Town Rescue wishes to thank the several bystanders who helped at the scene of last Wednesday night's car accident in Locke Mills. We also give special thanks to Larry Patterson, Bethel, for his assistance. We appreciate it.

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West Paris

By JUDY McLAUGHLIN

Twenty-nine Senior Citizens met April 2 for a pot luck dinner and monthly meeting. Cards have been sent to Nellie Libby, Julia Turner, Stanley Heath, and Clara and Charles Gordon. Martha Farrington, R.N., from Stephens Memorial Hospital gave an interesting talk about medications. Next meeting and pot luck dinner will be on May 7. Members are asked to bring an item in a brown paper bag, not to exceed 50 cents. Waino Heikkinen will show slides of deer.

Comings and Goings About Town.
Visiting the Ralph Millets, Lewiston, recently were the Barry Millets, Stacy and Brian of Quincy, Mass., and Lula Buck, West Paris.

Visiting Lula Buck were Madelyn Herrick, South Paris; and Stan Beleckis, Lewiston.

Recent guest of Odell Heath was his daughter, Theresa Legere, Orono.

Kelsey Lamb, Oxford, was a weekend guest of her grandparents, Cynthia and Sayward Lamb.

Cynthia and Sayward Lamb arranged to get their whole family together recently. Traveling to Sebec to spend the day with Ron and Donna Lamb were Cynthia and Sayward, West Paris, Jim and Diane Lamb, Kristy, Carol and Kelsey, Oxford, and Natalie and Blaine Morse, Mandy and Nathan, Oakland. Nina McLaughlin wishes to announce that her name has not been changed to Viva.

Rose Porter from Hampden Highlands is visiting Dot Ross this week.

The "Tired Teachers Club," including Lyndell Farr, Louvie Coffin, Dot Ross, Lettie Brooks, Doris Hayes, Colista Morgan, Doris Slattery, and guests Mabel Merrill and Rose Porter, ate lunch at a South Paris restaurant recently, then retired to the home of Louvie Coffin to play cards.

Several West Paris members of the Oxford County Retired Teachers Association went to the regular dinner meeting Saturday at the South Paris Methodist Church. Judy Greene, head of the Oxford Hills Adult Education department was the speaker.

West Paris Grange held a three point meeting on April 18. Attending were members from the Newry and Bryant Pond Granges and guests, Chester Hayes and Jean Vancour from Winthrop Grange, Shelburne, N.H. Franklin

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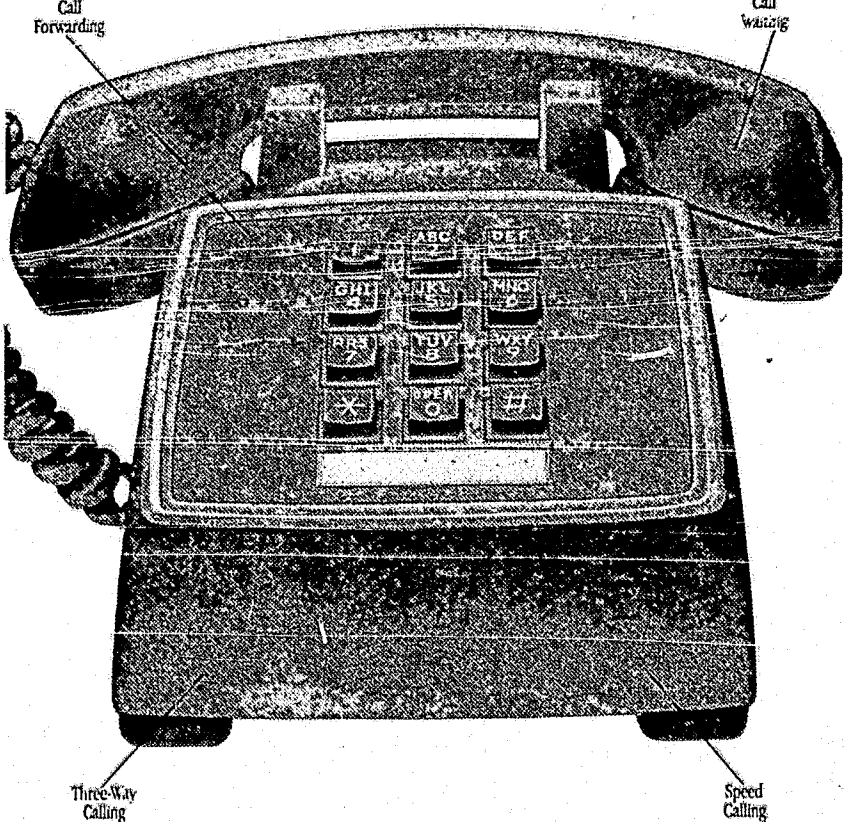
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By VIVA WHITMAN

A beautiful sunny morning this Thursday. It has been a lovely week, all but the wind-blow night before last that finally took the power yesterday morning. It gave me a good excuse to lay a-bed as we have no other way to heat the trailer, other than with the furnace. We have been very fortunate that we have had no more power shortages than we have and are glad of it. It got quite chilly here before the power came back on and Russell and I looked like we were really dressed for winter as we moved around the house doing what we could. I didn't mind staying in bed longer than usual as I had had my granddaughter here for a couple of days and she has so more energy than I do that she wore me out. She doesn't have any place to get out and run at home, so enjoyed the chance to get outside and play ball with grandma. Her parents came for her Tuesday evening and she was glad to see them and ready to go home, though she had had a good time. Michael and Wynona had gone to Waterville on Tuesday to see the head folks at LaVerdiere's as he has been made a manager of a store in Portland and they like to introduce the wives to the owners.

Wondered Tuesday night if we would still be here on High Street with the wind blowing as hard as it did, but all held together and we are still here. The wind howled as hard as it would in the worst of the winter and it seemed as though we might take off in the wind as Dorothy did in the Wizard of Oz.

Russell has been busy the last few days getting some odd jobs done in Peggy's camp as we expect her home around the 26th of the month and want things done and ready for her arrival. Did get some sewing done last week and have a lovely doll in the making for my sister. The doll calls for water lilies, but she wants roses, so have been trying to make them and without a pattern for rose leaves, it is a little difficult.

Had visitors on Sunday evening as my foster daughter, Helen Strout of Oxford and a friend, Joan Brown, came to visit. Helen brought me an early Mother's Day present of a pitcher in a bowl. I have made a number of crocheted roses and some of them will look just lovely in the pitcher.

Lawrence and Grace came to bring the daily paper and guess they are the most frequent callers that we have. Haven't had anyone give me any news to put into the paper and would love to hear from the neighbors if they have anything they would like mentioned.

It is getting about time to think of gardens and Russell and I have been trying to decide what we can plant and not have it be too much for us to care for. We have both had our troubles this winter and it makes one wonder what to do and how much to plan on doing. We both like our garden, so expect we will have some, but just how much I

Songo Pond

By ALICE KIMBALL

Pat Grenier returned home from the Rumford hospital last weekend. Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Awalt of Augusta brought their Sunday lunch and enjoyed it with her mother, Mrs. Myra Doyen.

Mrs. Norma Salway attended her class in Gorham Saturday and then the Telstar-Lisbon scrimmage at Lisbon.

Mrs. Winona Verrill of South Paris visited with Mrs. Myra Doyen Thursday afternoon. Myra received a call from Vermont Friday night that her sister had been taken from the nursing home to the Burlington hospital.

The ice cover completely disappeared overnight Tuesday from the pond. No one remembers it going out so fast. The ducks and loons appeared the next day.

"A school system without parents at its foundation is just like a bucket with a hole in it." —Rev. Jesse Jackson

don't know.

I would like to say that I hope we have a good turn-out at the three point meeting at West Paris tonight from the three Granges involved. The next meeting will be at Bear River Grange on April 27 and we would like to see a good number of members there, also. The third three point meeting is with Franklin Grange, West Paris and Bear River Granges will be joining them on May 6 and want to see a lot there at that meeting. Also, I hope we will have a good many people come to the special meeting at Bear River Grange Hall on May 4 to see what is to happen where the Grange is concerned. New members are needed to keep it going and do hate to think the Grange might have to close in the near future, so come on folks and join in to make the Grange there a success. Money isn't the only problem; we need people who would like to get out and have a good time and help the Grange to grow and do all the many things that can make the organization a good one for folks to belong to. The hall needs work done on it, but with so few members able to do the work, it doesn't get done. There are lots of projects that make the organization interesting if there are people to join in. There are many contests in the Grange that people can join in and too many other things to mention here, so come to the special meeting on May 4 and see if it wouldn't interest you to become a member.

I think spring is finally in the air and with the many birds I have seen lately and heard singing, it makes one realize the days of warm weather are coming. Perhaps we can all get out and enjoy them and put the cold of winter behind us. Let's all hope so and have a good week.

Bryant Pond

By ALICE F. HOYT

Sorry I had no news in last week as I was in Boston with my son who had an eye operation.

Robert Hoyt returned home Monday from Massachusetts Eye & Ear Infirmary in Boston. Mr. and Mrs. Ken Hoyt have been staying with their daughter, Beth Hoyt, in Hyde Park, Mass.

Woodstock Senior Citizens will meet at the Grange Hall on Thursday, May 2. Dinner will be served by the Woodstock High School Alumni Association. The program will be by David Clements, who will show slides of when he was at Antarctica.

Franklin Grange met on Monday evening, April 15, for an open meeting and community service award. Kenneth Hoyt received the award this year for his help to older citizens, to the Grange and in the community. Richard Felt, master of the Grange, awarded it to him.

Lettie Brooks and Olive Davis won the holder contest. These will go to Pomona.

The program was as follows: Proclamation of Grange Week, read by Richard Felt; Community Service Award presented; two songs by all; a poem "Spring" by Olive Davis; skit, Lettie and Carl Brooks; music by Dot Canwell, Richard Felt, Carl Brooks and Bertha Benoit; committee reports to help explain what the Grange means and does; Carl Brooks danced his dolls and bird; music by Harry Boyer, Dot Canwell and Richard Felt; a tableau by Lettie Brooks, Verna Swan, Jeanne Cole, Leah Deegan and Alice Hoyt; closing thought and song.

Refreshments were served after the meeting. Thirty-five were present. Other organizations represented were OES, Masons, Fire Department, Senior Citizens, Historical Society and D.U.V.

Baptist Church News

Thursday, April 25, 2:30 to 4 p.m., Awana for Sparks, grades K-2 and from 6 to 8 p.m., grades 3-8. This week there will be a presentation of Camp Bera by its director, Glenn Chaffee. All young people and parents are invited to this meeting which will be held at the church at 7:15 p.m.

Friday, April 26, the trustees will meet at the parsonage. Saturday, April 27, there will be Awana Olympic game time for grades 3-8 at the Woodstock gymnasium from 2 to 4 p.m. All parents and friends are invited to attend. Also April 27 at 7 p.m. a Student of the Word Seminar will be conducted by Rev. Paul Pierce and Rev. Bryan Collette.

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The Bethel Snow Twisters wish to express our thanks to all landowners who have so generously let us cross their land with our trails.



Crescent Park fifth-graders Matthew Arsenault and Amy Hannon will attend the 1985 Young Authors' Conference at the University of Maine at Farmington, on Saturday, April 27.

YOUNG WRITERS

MY ROOM

By Amy Hannon
5th grade, CPS

If you walk into my room,
Get ready for doom.
An old hamburger, along with the fries,
Apple cores, and some moldy pies,
Dad's old cigars, and his new pipe
A few bananas that once were ripe.
Where's my new shirt?
I think it's under this dirt.
Now where's Jake?
He's my pet snake.
I think my room is a nice place,
But, I wouldn't say that to my mother's face.
Come on in if you're in a bore.
If only you can find the door.

LITTLE HAWK AND MRS. DOCK

By Matthew Arsenault
Grade 5, CPS

Mrs. Dock is a lady who lives down the road from me. She was born in Locke Mills, Maine. She wrote a biography about a horse she owned at one time named Little Hawk. Little Hawk was born in Alabama and he got him in Florida. What gave her the idea to write the story was that she thought he had a good personality and an interesting life. Little Hawk had many hardships during his life, such as his mother dying.

Mrs. Dock wrote the book one summer and took it to a publisher. He thought she should rewrite it for eight- to ten-year-olds instead of teenagers. It took her about a year to finish it. She wrote a by-line called "Sparks From Sunset" for the "Northeast Horseman." She took it to the publisher for the "Northeast Horseman" and he said it was too good for the magazine and

Locke Mills

By LORRAINE MILLS

The Greenwood Historical Society will meet Wednesday, May 1, at 7:30 p.m. at the Society building.

The Ladies Circle met Wednesday, April 17, with 15 members present. The material aid kits were displayed. There were two layettes, two health kits, two sewing kits, and two school kits. They will be sent to the Church World Service Center in New Windsor, Md. Edna Cole gave a report on nursing home calling. A thank you was received from the Youth Group for the donation to their retreat from the church. The summer sale date was set for July 1. The circle will plan the sale next month. The meeting will be May 15 with Edna Cole and Ruth Cox furnishing the refreshments. April birthdays were Edna Cole, Grace Day, and Dora Dingley. May birthdays will be Mary Mills and Annie Kimball. Refreshments for this month's meeting were furnished by Mary Mills and Gladys Jordan.

Youth Group will start up again this Thursday after recessing this past week for SAD 44's spring vacation.

Mrs. Beverly Melville accompanied Nancy Fox to Stratford, Conn., last week to visit Rusty Aramo at the home of her sister for a few days. Rusty will be leaving next month to return to her work in Mali, West Africa, for a four year term as a C. & M.A. missionary teacher.

Mr. and Mrs. John Mills were in Farmington last Saturday where Mrs. Mills attended a meeting of Woman's Aglow. Their daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. John Smith, were ill with the flu so they didn't get to visit them this time.

Stan Seames returned home Saturday after spending two weeks at CMHC, Lewiston, for treatment.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Dyer of Norwood, Mass., returned home Saturday after spending a week visiting Mr. and Mrs. Robert DeNormandie at their home in Greenwood Center.

Mr. and Mrs. Roger Twitchell were honored at a dinner party Saturday evening at Town and Country, Shelburne, N.H., to celebrate their 40th wedding anniversary which is on the 23rd. Besides the honored couple there were their son, Stuart, and wife, Nancy; daughter, Penny; Louise's sister, Jean, and husband, Lloyd Marston, and Louise's mother, Norma Ross.

Newry

By AMY HANSCOM

The subject of Pastor Hanscom's message at the Newry Community Church April 14 was "Stranger on the Way." Marsha Moxcey read the scripture from St. Luke 24:13-35.

The annual business meeting of the Union Religious Society will be held April 29 at 7 p.m. at the church.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Tetley attended the wedding of their granddaughter, Robin Louise Senecal to James Viola at Fitchburg, Mass., on April 20. Robin is the daughter of Paul and Sandra Senecal of Otter River, Mass.

Bear River Grange will meet April 27, at 7:30 p.m. A 6:30 pot luck supper will precede the meeting. A special open meeting will be held at the Grange Hall May 4 at 7 p.m. to discuss the future of Bear River Grange. If the Grange is to continue, they must have new members and better participation from those who now belong. Without more members and better attendance, Bear River Grange will undoubtedly be forced to close its doors and be turned over to the State Grange. Those of you who do not wish to see this happen are asked to attend this meeting and give support to the Grange by belonging and attending meetings.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Swan were in Vermont to a late Easter family dinner April 12-14. Their granddaughters, Melissa and Jennifer Straight, returned with them for a visit.

Mary Tripp and Suzanne Hayner were supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Baker and family, Hanover, Sunday. Bethany Ridlon, Greenwood, was a guest of Mary Tripp Monday.

Rena Powers, Nancy Wright, Eleanor Davis, Louise Tetley, Beatrice Lowell, Betsy Clark, Thelma Lowrey, Gilberte Seeley, June Swan, Olive and Jim Anderson, Michelle and Jennifer Straight were in Rumford bowling April 17. Thelma Lowrey was high scorer. The group enjoyed lunch in Mexico following bowling.

Amber Brooke and Rebecca Fraser have registered to enter kindergarten in the fall.

Vernie Glover underwent more surgery at Maine Medical Center April 11. He was still in the immediate care room April 17, doing satisfactorily, but very uncomfortable.

CARD OF THANKS

I want to thank my families, friends, and neighbors for the flowers, cards, and visits while I was in the hospital, and since I have returned home. No one realizes what these mean until they have been there. Thanks again and God Bless you all.

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JEFFERSON CHAPTER #89 OES installed officers last week. They are, front row: Carmen Bartlett, associate matron, Eleanor Tracy, worthy matron, Theodore Tracy, worthy patron, Phillip Farrington, associate patron; second row: Frances Farnum, treasurer, Mona Lowe, warder, Linda Stowell, associate conductress, Martha Cross, conductress, Kathleen McAllister, secretary; back row: Irene Redmond, Martha, Bethany Bean, chaplain, Blaine Mills, sentinel, Thua Deun, Esther, Susan Glines, organist.

Gilead

By LOUISE LORING

Again, I would ask the Gilead townstoks to please call in your news of interest. It is a plea to you to support this column. Gilead needs to be represented—it can represent its finer qualities through this column. Without cooperation, this endeavor will fail. My number is 836-3673. Thank you all.

School children in town have enjoyed a fine vacation with nice weather, and many have been seen to go "a-shin".

Ania Ferrand and Georgie MacArthur enjoyed a day of shopping in North Conway recently.

Kathy Cole and I called on my mother, Elsie Brant, in Bryant Pond recently.

My husband, Jerry, has purchased a truck (sports model) complete with roll bars, racing stripes and a sun-roof. Tell me, when do the mud races begin?

Cy Cole was able to make some maple syrup as usual this year.

Mr. and Mrs. Stan Moulton were down to Cape Cod last week visiting Hilda Burfoot, a long time summer resident of the area. Green grass and flowers are blooming in that area. Maybe it is just around the corner here.

Sean Moulton, Kittery, grandson of

the Stan Moultons, has been visiting here this past week.

"I think I shall never see
A poem as lovely as a tree..."

So wrote Joyce Kilmer, a budding poet who was killed in action during World War I. So with Arbor Day fast approaching on April 29, a reflection upon trees as Joyce Kilmer saw them is in order.

First of all the beauty of a tree and its magical qualities is apparent even to those who are not ardent nature lovers. What a joy on a hot summer's day to lie perhaps in a hammock and rest, being sheltered by its shade, as it spreads its leafy green bower so far above us, like a canopy, attainable to all free for the asking.

What a peace to behold a tree, singing along with the winds of the south, as its breezes tantalizingly play in its branches, top-most above us. Again in the moonlight, we find a certain solitude and peace, as the tree shadows us, surrounding our home. Then, it whispers sweet benedictions, a sound so familiar, yet not to put our finger upon, could it be the whisperings perhaps, set to a song, recalling a lost Eden of ours, so long ago it cannot be recalled?

Hope lies in a tree as we plant it, hoping that the small seedling with its

rootlets, will successfully tunnel in the dark moist warm earth below, finding the nourishment that will magically prompt the seeds to bear fruit, and spring from their darkened tomb. A tree provides a safe haven for the fowls of the air, and sanctuary for the flora and fauna that depend upon it.

As we grow then are we not somewhat like a tree?

We constantly struggle to grow, to produce, to provide a haven for those who depend upon us—thus the Roman and Greek cultures thought the planting of a tree was a symbolic gesture, and has been passed on to our present modern day culture.

Through the ages a tree will bear its own immortality—as so shall we, if we complete our allotted time upon this earth to the best of our own individual abilities, withstanding the storms, bearing up.

And as a bard once wrote:

He who plants a tree—
He plants love,
Tents of coolness—spreading out
above,
Wayfarers he may not live to see,
But gifts that grow are best,
and hands that bless are blest.
Plant—lie does the rest.

Heaven and Earth help him who
plants a tree
And his work its own reward shall be.
Peace everyone and God bless.

Bethel

By LINDA CARON

Is there any baking soda left in Bethel? I've used three boxes on Jaime and after the epidemic of chicken pox, there must be a real shortage. To those who have asked, Jaime is doing well. In fact, as I type this news, she's running around getting into things downstairs at Casco. That will teach the girls to leave an open box of rubber bands. It's been looney tunes at the Caron household this last week and several times I've answered my constantly ringing phone with "Caron's Nut Housel."

I love babies! Aren't they wonderful? Welcome to Charles Holland, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry H. Dresser; Caitlin Elizabeth, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Kennett; Jedd True, son of Mr. and Mrs. Merton Brown; and Isaac Robert, first grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Glidden. Congratulations to the parents and grandparents!

I was busy last week bird and car sitting for friend and neighbor, Cheryl Lord. Cheryl visited her parents and sister in Brewer during school vacation. Jaime missed looking out our kitchen window to say "night-night" and throw hugs and kisses to Auntie Cheryl! Cheryl stopped by Friday afternoon to collect seven days of hugs.

Carla Durgin and daughter Marjorie have been visiting Mrs. Beatrice Grover and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Barker.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Thayer, LeAnn and Laurie-Sue of Bangor spent part of their school vacation with Mr. and Mrs. Richard Brown.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn I. Bangs, Deanne, Glenn M. and Jonathan, Hermon, were recent visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Keniston. Weekend guests of the Kenistons were Lt. Col. and Mrs. Theodore McKnight, Shelby and Josie of Plattsburgh, N.Y.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerrold Davis, Cheshire, Mass., spent the weekend recently with Mrs. Earl Davis.

Brad and Judy Barker, Gwen Currier, Bea Barker, Linda Bouchard and friend Pat attended the April 13 graduation of Dennis Barker from the Maine Maritime Academy.

Mr. and Mrs. George Gilbert have just returned from Houston, Tex., where they visited Mr. and Mrs. Erland Waterhouse.

Ethel Ward, Lyndell Carter and Betty Blake have returned from vacationing in Hawaii and a three night stay in Las Vegas.

Alexandra Gillies took her mom along to New York during school vacation for a visit with her grandparents. Dad joined them last weekend and Gordon, Mer and Alex went to the Bronx Zoo and Ringling Brothers Barnum and Bailey Circus at Madison Square Garden. What a time she must have

W. Greenwood

By CAROLYN M. COLBY

Steve, Paula and Jennifer Wilson of Bangor visited relatives in Bethel and this community over the weekend.

Denny and Rita Wilson arrived home Sunday. They were vacationing at their home in Florida this past month.

Jennifer Moore was five years old on Friday, April 19 and planned to have a party to celebrate.

During the high winds on Wednesday, a dead tree brought down power lines on Paradise Street. Electricity was off an hour and a half.

It was sleeting when I drove home Thursday night. Friday morning the weather stick was still pointing at the ground like a dowsing rod. "When winter comes, can spring be far behind?" You bet your booties!

had. I'm anxious to hear Alex's adventures when I see her later this week. By the way, Alex's chicken pox have struck again. Colin McGroarty. Colin's mom, Wendy, says he's one big chicken pock! Poor little guy. Need some baking soda, Mom?

Our friend, "Chief" stopped by this past week. He was more than a little disturbed that his weather formula may not work out this year. While trying to cheer him up, I said, "Aw, Chief, you can't be right all the time." I thought I had said the wrong thing when he glared at me, but I bravely continued, saying, "Don't be grouchy, crabby and grumpy." "Hmmm," he grunted, a grin slowly creeping along his mouth. "Sounds like a law firm for dwarfs."

With that, he left.

I rearranged my living and dining rooms last week. John just shook his head. It was really a mess. Until I got everything in place, I have to admit, it did look like it had been decorated by Fools R Us.

That's the news. Film at eleven...

"When we are children, we're told not to talk to strangers. When we're a little older, we're told not to talk to the person next to us. When we're older still, we're told not to talk to ourselves...Who's left?"—Robin Williams.

No. East Lovell

By PAULINE SMITH

Fred and Iva Fox had dinner Wednesday night at Peter Fox's home in honor of Iva's birthday.

Twenty degrees and gale winds, winter's back all right; swallows are back, came the 15th this year.

Sue Gregson and children visited at Phyllis Gregson's this week.

Six were out to Faith Sharing Monday night.

The Center Lovell Church of Christ will have a spring rummage sale May 10-11.

Linda Allen cleaned for her mother, Iva. Linda's a nurse at the Bridgton hospital.

Hope to hear Sarah Grover is improving. She's been confined to her home. We've missed her at church.

Rev. Donald Morrison called on Hazel Allen, also Dot Bell visited there; Lawrence Allen called from Massachusetts. Hazel is alone, likes callers.

Phyllis Gregson's mother, Mrs. Wall, daughter Lynn, and son Kenneth, of Massachusetts, are here at Phyllis's home for a week.

Callers at Iva Fox's and Fred's were Larry and Fox, also Albert Fox and family, Paul and Iva Fox, Monmouth.

Michael Fox helped on Roy Smith's wood Friday. Robert Johnston worked Monday for Roy Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Smith called at their daughter's in Oxford Monday, Carolyn Knight's.

Arline Merrill called on Pauline Smith, Tuesday.

Michael Fox helped Pauline Smith wheeling and piling wood. He stayed the night with Iva Fox, his grandmother, and helped Iva cut and trim some trees.

Large crowd in church; several of the summer guests were back for the weekend.

Bob and Joan Cope of Connecticut were here at their home on Cushman Pond for their vacation.

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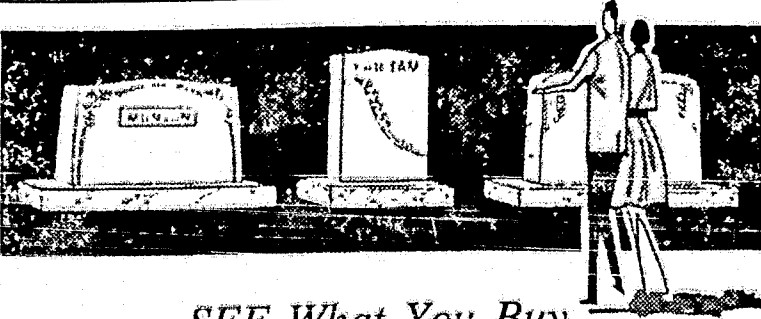
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Andover East

By MARJORIE JODREY

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Langelier of North Main Street are receiving congratulations on the birth of twin sons, April 11, at St. Mary's Hospital, Lewiston. They have been named Robert Alan and Ryan Timothy. They join a brother Edward and sister Jessica.

On Saturday, April 13, the fourth grades of SAD 44 attended the Shrine Circus in Lewiston. Attending from Andover were Harold Emerton, Toby Farrington, Jennifer Percival, Suzanne Richardson, Jason Standeven, Jon Thurston, Kurt Thurston, Aaron Milligan, Danny Irish, Dean Irish, Danny Thibodeau and Rex Thurston as chaperone. All had a wonderful time.

Children registered at Andover Elementary School to enter school in the fall are Kenneth Jodrey Jr., Keirston Thibodeau, Marybeth Flanders, Darcy Morse, Karen Thurston, Monica Smith, Angela Percival, Nathaniel Thibodeau, Raymond Herrick and Andrew Hawks.

Mrs. Floyd Emerson Sr. has returned home after being a patient at Rumford Community Hospital for a few days.

Mrs. Rex Thurston and sons, Danny, Jon and Kurt, and her mother, Mrs. Walter Jodrey, returned Wednesday after spending a few days with her sister, Mrs. Francis Humphrey and Melissa, Manchester, N.H.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Whitten have been entertaining their grandchildren, Joshua and Jessica MacDonald, of Augusta during school vacation. The children also visited their aunt, Mrs. Peter Coolidge, and Mrs. Lynne Marshall of Mexico, who took them home on Thursday. Howard Roberts was also a guest of his grandparents.

Linwood Tucker is a patient in Rumford Community Hospital.

Mrs. Ernestine Boyington of South Portland is visiting her sister, Mrs. Dorothy Campbell.

Greeters at the First Congregational Church on April 14 were Mrs. Mary Learned and daughter, Mary Jean. The opening hymn was "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name." Hymn of devotion, "There is a Green Hill Far Away" and the closing hymn was "Beneath the Cross of Jesus." Youth Group met in the evening. Rev. Churchill was away Monday and Tuesday. On Sunday, April 21, a delegation attended the Oxford Association meeting and on April 22 a public roast beef supper will be held in the Christian Education Building. Greeters for April 21 were Eda and Merion Perkins.

Rev. Donald Grover of the Calvary Congregational Church had as his message April 14, "The Living Christ." Scripture reading was from Acts 1. The choir sang "I Love Thee, Blessed Jesus." Sunday evening service: "The Tower of Babel." Vacation Bible School will be held June 17-21 and will need the following items for handcrafts: sardine cans, tuna cans, greeting cards, small religious pictures, pieces of cardboard, foil pie plates and colored detergent bottles.

Elderwood Manor Items
Miss Tiffanie Marston of Hollis has been spending the school vacation visiting her great aunt, Florence Hall. Alfred Marston of Hollis called on his Aunt Fannie one day this week.

Mrs. Elizabeth Sennett returned Saturday after visiting a few days with her daughter, Mrs. Conrad Hayes in Waldoboro.

Mrs. Louise Powell visited her mother one day this week.

Mrs. Bernice Glover returned home after spending a few days visiting her sons in Hollis and Buxton.

Mrs. Marion Ladd and Mrs. Florence Leonard of Rumford Point visited Dot Elliott and Mrs. George Fraser on Saturday.



GETTING THE GROUNDER: Rebel shortstop Donna Dorey picks up a grounder as the Kennett batter dashes for first base. Pitcher Tanya Foster watches the action, while catcher Jodey Kimball hustles over to back up the throw, which was in plenty of time. On the strength of a couple of big innings, the Rebels breezed to a 9-3 victory Monday, making them 4-6 in exhibition play. The first game that counts in the standings is today (Wednesday) at St. Dom's.

Magalloway

By ALICE HARVEY

Corey Richards of Skowhegan spent a week with her grandparents, Larry and Anne Bragg.

A regular Grange meeting was held on Saturday evening with a good attendance.

Eleanor White's birthday was celebrated at the Tuesday Ladies meeting. She received many cards and gifts including a couple of novelty ones. Two guests also attended, Margaret Burham of Auburn and Dotty Prescott of West Milan.

Glen and Eleanor White were in the Auburn-Lewiston area on Wednesday. Audrey Tirrell and Carlene Hinkley were at the Seminar on Excise Taxes in Farmington on Wednesday.

Kim Lowell and children of Exeter, N.H., spent several days at the home of her parents, Maurice and Phyllis Parsons.

Elva Jordan spent the day, Wednesday with her mother, Millie Linnell, in Clobbrook.

Chad and Andrea Mitchell of Rumford, spent three days with their grandparents, Phil and Carlene Hinkley.

There was a power outage for over eight hours due to the big wind blow on Tuesday night.

Christine Girardin of Lewiston spent a few days with the Bragg family.

Alice Harvey attended a double birthday party at the home of her sister, Sylvia Metter, in Rumford Center on Saturday. The birthday sisters are Alice and Lorraine Holman of Dixfield. The other two sisters attending were Marie Cooper, Littleton, N.H., and Karen Clobosov of Rumford. A delicious sit-down dinner was enjoyed. Alice and Lorraine received a wide and beautiful assortment of gifts.

METHODIST WOMEN TO MEET
The United Methodist Women will hold their May 2 meeting at the parsonage on Mason Street at 1:30 p.m. Rev. Downing will provide the refreshments.

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So. Woodstock

By OLIVE DAVIS

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Dillingham and son, Craig, were supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Roberts and family, Saturday.

Mrs. Lolalee Dillingham and Mrs. Louise Hemingway called on Mrs. Lorri Parlin, Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Dillingham and Craig were Easter dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Dillingham, West Sumner.

Craig Moore-Dillingham came home with a trophy from the slot car race track in Greene, where he races small scale race cars twice a month.

June Demarest has been soliciting for the Tri-Town Ambulance Service at homes in South Woodstock. They are trying to raise money for expenses.

Barbara Felt remains ill after having a bad cold. I believe this is the time to send cards. She needs encouragement.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Brooks and Olive Davis attended the supper put on by Oxford Pomona at Oxford Grange Hall. There was a full house with entertainment, jokes and many articles given away. A good sum was made by the committee, to be used for future Pomona expenses.

A spring-like day was enjoyed by all on Tuesday. Everyone thought it was summer again, but Wednesday high winds changed many minds. A beautiful rainbow was seen while traveling to Oxford on Route 26. The sun dog predicted warm weather, but I guess he made a mistake today.

Neil Tibbets and Ricky Farnum visited Neil's grandmother Wednesday.

SENIOR CITIZEN MENUS
Monday, April 29: Macaroni and cheese, hot dog, peas, corn bread, orange wedges.
Tuesday, April 30: Citrus juice, veal pattie with gravy, mashed potatoes, fresh turnip, poke and pour cake.
Thursday, May 2: Turkey pattie with gravy, rice, fresh garden salad, with tomatoes, fresh pears.

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CHURCH NEWS

Bethel United Methodist Church
Rev. Guy R. Downing, Pastor
Tel. 824-2010
Administrative Board Chairman,
Richard Stevens
Christian Education Chairperson,
Sally Downing

Sunday:
9:00 a.m. Church School
10:30 a.m. Worship Service
UNW - first Thursday of each month, 1:30 p.m.
Anyone needing prayers of church members or knowing of someone in need please call Mrs. Burton Abbott, Mrs. Wallace Saunders or Mrs. Ramold Stevens.

West Parish Congregational United Church of Christ
Church St., Bethel
Rev. Jean Bass
Rev. Brenda Bass
Co-Pastors
Miss Mary Valentine, Minister of Music

Sunday:
Church School, 9 a.m.
Worship Service, 10:30 a.m.
Nursery care provided
Wednesday:
Youth Fellowship (Grades 6-8) 5:30 p.m.
Women's Fellowship 4th Wednesday 9:30 a.m.
Thursday:
Pilgrim Fellowship (Grades 9-12) 5:30 p.m.
Choir Rehearsal 7:30 p.m.
Clothing Depot: Call 824-2653 or 824-2193 for assistance

Bethel Gospel Center of Christian & Missionary Alliance
D.N. Larson, Pastor
Sunday:
Church School, 9 a.m. (13 year olds through adults)
Babysitting for all children under 5 years during Church
Morning Worship, 10 a.m.
Evening Service, 6 p.m.
Monday:
Men's Bible Studies, 7 p.m.
Tuesday:
Ladies' Bible Study, 9:30 a.m. (for location call 824-2859) Babysitting
Wednesday:
Prayer and Bible Study, 7 p.m.

Bethel Church of the Nazarene
Church St.
Rev. Gwendolyn Johnson
Interim Pastor
Tel. 657-4127
Sunday:
Sunday School (for all ages including adults), 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship, 10:30 a.m.
Wednesday:
Prayer Meeting, 7 p.m.
Youth Meeting, 7 p.m.
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Sunday, April 28: Subject: Probation After Death (Golden Text: 1 Thessalonians 5:21) Prove all things, hold fast that which is good.

First Church of Christ, Scientist
Corner of Main and Tenth Streets, Bethel, N.H. holds Sunday morning services at 11 a.m. and Sunday School at the same hour for pupils up to the age of 20 years. The Wednesday evening meeting is at 7:30 p.m., including testimonies of healing.
Christian Science Society, Norway
9 Stevens St., off Alpine St.
Sunday:
Services and Sunday School, 10:30 a.m.
Wednesday:
Evening Service, 7:30 p.m. includes testimonies of healing

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Rev. Donald R. Proulx
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29 Park St., Norway
Rev. Donald Proulx
Antiphonal Mass, Sat. 7 p.m.
Sunday Masses, 9 & 11:15 a.m.

OXFORD COUNTY UNITED PARISH
Rev. Nancy Taylor
East Stoneham Congregational Church
9:00 a.m. Worship Service
North Waterford Congregational Church
10:30 a.m. Worship Service

West Bethel Union Church
Rev. Norman Rust, Minister
Phone: Church 836-2925
Home 583-4688
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Mrs. Rodney Kimball, Custodian
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Locke Mills Union Church
Rev. Michael Caldwell
Mrs. Richard Melville
Organist and Choir Director
Bruce Swan
Sunday School Superintendent
Sunday:
7:30 a.m. Adult Education Class
9:00 a.m. Worship
10:30 a.m. Sunday School
Wednesday:
6:15 p.m. Choir
6:30 p.m. TOPS
Second Wednesdays, Trustees 7:30 p.m.
Third Wednesdays, Ladies' Circle 1:30 p.m.
Thursday:
7:8 p.m. Youth Group
7:8 p.m. Adult Education Class

Pleasant Valley Bible Church
B.R. Griffith, Pastor
Sunday:
Linda Stowell, 9 a.m. Ages 3 to adult
Morning worship, 10 a.m. Babysitting for children through age 5.
Wednesday:
Choir practice, 6 p.m.
Prayer & Bible Study, 7 p.m.
Ladies Bible Study in afternoon. Babysitting available
Those needing information or rides to church activities, please call Maureen at 824-2949.

Newbury Community Church
Newbury, Maine
Rodney Haysom, Pastor
Nancy Haysom, Organist
Sunday Morning Worship, 9:00 a.m. with special service for children.
Bryant Pond Baptist Church
Linwood Hanson, Pastor
Sunday:
9:15 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship Service
6:00 p.m. Evening Service
Wednesday:
7 p.m. Bible Study and Prayer Meeting
Thursday:
9:30-4 p.m. Sparks (K thru Gr 2)
6-8 p.m. Chums, Pals, Guards, Pioneers (Gr 3 through 6)
6-8 p.m. New Junior Varsity Program (Gr. 7&8)

First Congregational Church of Christ
Andover
Rev. E. Marianne Churchill
Phone: Church 392-7878
Parsonage 392-3081
Organist and Choir Director,
Linda Burnham
Sunday School Superintendent
Paula P. Smith
Sunday:
9:30 a.m. Worship Service
9:30 a.m. Church School
Ladies Aid - Every other Monday at noon C.E.B.

Calvary Congregational Church
Route 3 Andover, Maine
Donald Grover, Pastor
Mrs. Edna White, Pianist
Carol Stuart, Choir Director
Marjorie Shumway
Sunday School Superintendent
Sunday:
Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.
Worship Service, 10:45 a.m.
Youth Group, 5:30 p.m.
Wednesday:
Prayer and Praise, 7:30 p.m. at the church
Choir Rehearsal, 6:30

Rumford Area Bible Speaks
Park Bus College Church, Route 232 Rumford
Corner
Sunday:
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship Service
6 p.m. Youth Group
7 p.m. Evening Service
Wednesday:
7 p.m. Evening Service
At 524 Prospect Ave., Rumford
Mon-Fri
Prayer and Devotional 8 a.m.
Thursday:
At Bethel at Eleanor Brooks' home,
Women's Bible Study 10:00 a.m.

Baker's Mills United Methodist Church
David W. Helms, Pastor
Family Worship, 10:00 a.m.
Church School, 10:00 a.m.
South Waterford United Methodist Church
David W. Helms, Pastor
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1984 Chevy S-10 Durango 2-tone, V6, auto., P/S, 25K. \$6,395.

1983 Mazda 1/2-ton, 5sp, MINT CONDITION, 29,700 miles. \$4,595.

1983 Chevy S-10 Blazer 4sp, automatic, V6, stereo, 35,000 miles. \$CARCE MODEL LIKE NEW. \$9,395.

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1981 Chevy C-20 van, V8, auto, P/S. \$4,995.

1980 Chevy El Camino, 6 cyl, auto, P/S. \$4,995.

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1984 Plymouth Horizon 4dr, standard, AM/FM stereo, 7,100 miles. \$5,495.

1983 Olds Cutlass Ciera Brougham 2dr, 1983 Ford Escort 3dr, stereo, factory sunroof, 28,000 miles. \$4,795.

1983 VW Rabbit 2dr PUFF, 28,000 miles. \$4,995.

CARS UNDER 45,000 MILES

1984 Ford Tempo GL 4dr, auto, P/S, stereo, 34,000 miles. \$6,295.

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1982 Ford Escort 4dr, 40,000 miles. \$3,395.

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION
Notice of Application Filed with the Commission
(March 28, 1985)
P-8873-000

Take notice that the following hydroelectric application has been filed with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission and is available for public inspection.

a. Project Name: Preliminary Permit b. Project No.: 8873-000 c. Date Filed: January 7, 1985 d. Applicant: W.A. Vachon and Associates, Inc.

e. Name of Project: West Branch of the Swift River f. Location: West Branch of the Swift River in Oxford County, Maine g. Filed Pursuant to: Federal Power Act, 16 U.S.C. §§ 791(a)-825(f)

h. Contact Person: Mr. W.A. Vachon W.A. Vachon Associates, Inc. P.O. Box 149 Manchester, Massachusetts 01944

i. Comment Date: June 3, 1985 j. Description of Project: The proposed project would consist of: (1) a proposed 3-foot-high, 40-foot-long concrete dam; (2) a proposed reservoir at elevation 1,390 feet ASL, with an area of 900 square feet and impounding 11,000 gallons of water; (3) a proposed 14-inch-diameter, 7,000-foot-long conduit; (4) a proposed powerhouse containing one 99-kW turbine generator; (5) a proposed 1,600-foot-long, 480-volt transmission line; and (6) appurtenant facilities. The estimated average annual generation is 446 MWh.

k. Purpose of Project: Project energy would be sold to Central Maine Power Company. l. This notice also consists of the following standard paragraphs: A6, A7, A9, B, C and D2.

m. Proposed Scope of Studies under Permit: A preliminary permit, if issued, does not authorize construction. Applicant seeks issuance of a preliminary permit for a period of 18 months during which Applicant would investigate project design alternatives, financial feasibility, environmental effects of project construction and operation, and project power potential. Depending upon the outcome of the studies, the Applicant would decide whether to proceed with the application for FERC license. Applicant estimates that the cost of the studies under permit would be \$9,000.

A6. Preliminary Permit: No Existing Dam—Anyone desiring to file a competing application for preliminary permit for a proposed project where no dam exists or where there are proposed major modifications, must submit to the Commission on or before the specified comment date for the particular application, the competing application itself, or a notice of intent to file such an application. Submission of a timely notice of intent allows an interested person to file the competing preliminary permit application no later than 60 days after the specified comment date for the particular application.

A competing preliminary permit application must conform with 18 CFR 4.33(a) and (d). A7. Preliminary Permit—Except as provided in the following paragraph, any qualified license, conduit exemption, or small hydroelectric exemption applicant desiring to file a competing application must submit to the Commission, on or before the specified comment date for the particular application, either a competing license, conduit exemption, or small hydroelectric exemption application or a notice of intent to file such an application. Submission of a timely notice of intent to file a license, conduit exemption, or small hydroelectric exemption application allows an interested person to file the competing application no later than 120 days after the specified comment date for the particular application.

In addition, any qualified license or conduit exemption applicant desiring to file a competing application may file the subject application until: (1) a preliminary permit with which the subject license or conduit exemption ap-



EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT: A screened house in back of the Bethel House is rapidly taking shape under the watchful eye of Jeff Boyle, who is doing the project.

"LIVING WILL" PROGRAM AT TELSTAR THURSDAY, APRIL 25

The Living Will is a document which will serve as a directive to physicians and family, listing circumstances under which the individual wishes to die with dignity, whether he/she requests life support system.

An informational evening will be held on April 25 at 7 p.m. at the Telstar Regional High School library. This program is directed to the general public, health related professionals, clergy, and those concerned with the judicial and legislative process.

Speakers for the evening will be David Austin, a Rumford lawyer and Burt deFreese, a long-time educator in the Rumford area.

This program is being sponsored by the Bethel Area Health Center and the SAD 44 Adult and Community Education program.

East Stoneham

By GLADYS KILGORE

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Millet and little son Bryant have moved to Harrison where they have bought a trailer.

Bob Martin attended the supper and Legion meeting at Harrison Friday night.

Mrs. Gladys Plummer attended the senior citizens meeting at South Paris Thursday.

The Diaconate meeting was at the home of the Rev. Miss Taylor Wednesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Gouin of Norway visited her mother, Mrs. Helen Grover, Sunday.

We had a heavy thunder shower and wind blow Tuesday evening. I guess the frogs won't peep for awhile.

Mrs. Frances Grant went to Norway Tuesday on business.

Mrs. Sarah Grover is slowly gaining. Mrs. John Grover Jr. and Mrs. Lyndon Grover have been helping her.

Mrs. Iva Fox and son, Fred, were supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Fox Wednesday, as it was Iva's birthday. She received many nice gifts and cards.

Carlton Barker Jr. is confined to his home by illness.

Mrs. Sarah Grover is in the hospital

LITTLE LEAGUE/FARM TEAM SIGN-UP MONDAY, APRIL 29

Sign up for summer baseball, Little League and farm teams will be held Monday, April 29, at 6 p.m. at the ball field behind Crescent Park School. All children, ages 7 to 13, who are interested in playing baseball, should attend. A fee of \$5 will be charged. Baseball coaches are needed! Anyone willing to help, please also attend the meeting.

PURITY CHAPTER TO MEET

A stated meeting of Purity Chapter 102 will be held Wednesday, May 1, at 7:30 p.m., which will include a program honoring Secretaries. A 6:30 p.m. pot-luck supper will precede the meeting. If members have not been solicited, please bring a hot dish or salad to share.

at Bridgton for a few days having tests. Mrs. Vesta Nelson went to see her doctor in Portland Friday.

The chicken pie supper was well attended at the church vestry Thursday night.

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WALTER G. CHAPMAN

Walter G. Chapman, formerly of Mechanic Falls, died at his home in West Palm Beach, Fla., Wednesday, April 17, 1985, following a long illness.

He was born in Mechanic Falls, July 26, 1920, the son of Arthur and Mildred Brown Chapman. He was educated in Mechanic Falls schools. He married Pauline Green in 1940. Mr. Chapman served as a sergeant in the U.S. Army during World War II, France and Germany. After the war, he moved to Florida, worked briefly in a landscaping business, then in the wholesale grocery business for 20 years.

He is survived by his wife, Pauline of West Palm Beach; a daughter, Mary Lou Chapman of West Palm Beach; three sons, Walter Jr., Patrick and Frederick, all of West Palm Beach; three brothers, Arthur V. of Turner, Franklin B. of Bethel, and Phillip of Green Cove Springs, Fla.; and five grandchildren.



Gregory Karl White and Christine Ann Caton

CATON - WHITE ENGAGEMENT

The Reverend and Mrs. Thomas L. Caton of Ashland, formerly of Bethel, have announced the engagement of their daughter, Christine Ann Caton of Presque Isle, and Gregory Karl White of Easton. Gregory is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Peter White of Easton.

Miss Caton is a 1983 graduate of Pocomtoco High School, Pocomtoco, Idaho, and is presently attending the University of Maine at Presque Isle. Mr. White, a 1982 graduate of Easton High School, is also attending the University of Maine at Presque Isle and is employed by Keegan Ambulance of Presque Isle.

The couple plan an Aug. 17 wedding.

B.E.A.R.S.

Bethel Emergency Ambulance Rescue Service

The BEARS held their monthly meeting on Sunday night, April 21. It was voted to have a tag day Friday and Saturday, May 10 and 11 with the Boy Scouts helping out. The money will be used to purchase new winter jackets for the attendants.

The plans are in the developing stages to run a Booster Club. Anyone interested in purchasing a ticket for a dollar a week for 20 weeks contact Freda Davis at 836-3323 or any ambulance attendant.

Safety Tip—Remember there is no burning of anything outside now. Things are very dry and there have been too many fires already.

Community Calendar

Thursday, April 25: Oxford County Gem and Mineral Society, Sally Spencer's, Rumford, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, April 30: Rotary Club, Sudbury Inn, 12 noon.

Ginger Kelly, of Maine Street Realty, in Bethel, is the volunteer coordinator for the Community Calendar and will accept items to be listed by mail, phone (824-2114) or in person at her office in the Cole Block, Main Street, Bethel.

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JACKSON-SILVER POST & UNIT

MET THURSDAY, APRIL 18

Jackson-Silver Post and Unit #68, American Legion and Auxiliary, Locke Mills, met for their regular meeting Thursday, April 18, to elect their new officers. First Vice President Cathryn Lovejoy presided in the absence of the president, Kathy Bartlett.

The Post and Unit will have a husband and wife team for 1985-86. Andrew and Kathy Bartlett of Locke Mills are the new commander and president.

Installation is set for May 2 at 7:30 p.m. A buffet lunch will be served following the ceremonies. Past State Commander Vito DeFillip of Rumford and his staff will do the honors for the post. Other officers are First Vice Commander, Leroy Patten; Second Vice Commander, Alanson Lovejoy; Adjutant, Charlie Mason; Finance Officer, Brian Strickland; Historian, Herb Lyon; Service Officer, Warren Smith; Chaplain, Kovi George; Sgt.-at-Arms, Kovi George.

Charlie Mason attended the Oxford County meeting in West Paris on the 16th.

The Auxiliary will install Kathy Bartlett, President; Cathryn Lovejoy, First Vice President; Ruth Mason, Second Vice President; Grace Smith, Secretary; Vera Cross, Treasurer; Fannie Cummings, Chaplain; Tyrene Lovejoy, Historian; Sylvia Dunham, Sgt.-at-Arms.

Poppy Chairman Vera Cross announced that Poppy Days will be May 17 and 18, and Miss Kelly Bartlett is this year's Poppy Girl.

On Sunday afternoon, April 21, the annual Girls State Tea was held in Rumford. Delegates Suzi Roy and Michelle Cummings attended with their mothers. Stanley Seames was reported on the sick list. Warren Smith took Comrade Albert Foster to Togus one day last week.

The Unit recently sent donations to the Heart Fund, the Blind Fund, sent \$100 to the Special Olympics, and gave the Post \$200 for their birthday, also the music fund at Togus will receive a check.

The Auxiliary's newest member is Mrs. Kovi George. A big welcome to Lois. Membership stands at about 79. The state is now a 100 percent department.

Voted to give a family \$50 to help with hospital expenses.

May 8, the Post and Unit's installing team will be at South Paris. There is a 6:30 p.m. supper.

LIBRARY SEEKING MEMBERS FOR BOOK SELECTION COMMITTEES

The Bethel Library needs people who love to read to join its book selection committees.

The committees on children's books, general adult books, and special acquisitions (reference and non-fiction) meet monthly to discuss possible acquisitions, based on the needs of the library collection, requests of patrons, and book review sources.

The Board of Trustees, which appoints the committee members, takes care to assure that the interests of the members are varied and that each group of books has its advocates within the membership.

For more information about being considered for appointment to a book selection committee, contact Stanley Howe, president of the Board of Trustees, or Betsy Raymond, librarian.

Norma Judrey and Carolyn Brooks were at the Noreman Inn in Ogunquit last week as guests of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Merrill.

BORN
In Boston, April 4, to Mr. and Mrs. David Murphy, of Bryant Pond, a boy, William Patrick.

DIED
In West Palm Beach, Fla., April 17, Walter G. Chapman, aged 64 years.

News from the Woodstock Historical Society

Here are some selected comments by Amy Vanderbilt on etiquette. See if you agree with them.

On Ceremony and Etiquette:

"If we ignore ceremony entirely, we are not normal, warm human beings. Conversely if we never relax it, if we 'stand on ceremony' in all things, we are rigid. We must learn which ceremonies may be breached occasionally at our convenience and which ones may never be if we are to live pleasantly with our fellow man."

Manners:

"The finest rules for behavior are to be found in chapter 13 of First Corinthians, the beautiful dissertation on charity by St. Paul. These rules have nothing to do with the fine points of dress nor with those of superficial manners. They have to do with feelings and attitudes, kindness, and consideration of others. To make them ring true, one must feel them, not merely exhibit them."

Entertaining:

"If host and hostess themselves can, through the careful selection of their guests and through sufficient preparation, look forward with pleasure to an evening or a weekend, then a party is virtually assured of success. Whether trained servants present platters of peacocks' tongues or the hostess herself dishes up a good spaghetti dinner is quite immaterial. If the house looks as if it expected and welcomed guests, if the host and hostess are relaxed and smiling, the guests will feel at home and at ease, no matter what superficial accommodations of entertaining may be missing through necessity or design."

THIRD QUARTER HONOR ROLL —TELSTAR HIGH SCHOOL

Grade 9: First Honors—Jason Adams, Delwin Wilson. Second Honors—Todd Davis, Mary Hutchinson, Steve Learned. Third Honors—Julie Denison, Denise Gauthier, Kathy Legendre, Alec Newell, Ethan Otero-Otero, Angela Sawyer, Karen Simmons, Barbara Harthorne.

Grade 10: First Honors—Glori Bolio, Keith Clanton, Kevin Powell. Third Honors—Jeannine Conant, Darlene Haskell, Traci Higgins, Scott Merchant, Lynn Seames, Michael Newell.

Grade 11: First Honors—Sarah Buckman. Second Honors—Nancy Howard, Kim Monzo, Marsha Moxey. Third Honors—Fred Coriveau, Emily Gammon, Scott Korhonen, Jennifer Moran, Mary Poland, Stacy Roberts, Suzanne Roy, Eric Wight, Darcie Witter, Penny York.

Grade 12: Jodey Kimball, Alan Verrell. Second Honors: Keith Wight. Third Honors: Heidi Bennett, Susan Cole, LeeAnn Coolidge, Stephanie Fuller, Jonathan Head, Michael McGuire, Mary Taylor, Leigh Whitman, Kenneth Whitney.

SCHOOL LUNCH MENU!

SAD 44—WEEK OF APRIL 29

Monday: American chop suey, mixed vegetables, peas, hot cinnamon bun, milk.

Tuesday: Pepperoni pizza, potato chips, lettuce with dressing, fruit, bread and butter (optional), milk.

Wednesday: Oven fried chicken, mashed potato, peas, cranberry sauce, mixed desserts, dark roll and butter, milk.

Thursday: Barbecued meat balls on rice or biscuit, green beans, peas, biscuit and butter, milk.

Friday: Fishburger (Telstar, choice of chickenburger), tossed salad, cheese slice, applesauce, milk.

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Kelly Barlow and Alan Merrill

BARLOW - MERRILL ENGAGEMENT

Miss Kelly Barlow and Alan Merrill announce their engagement and forth coming marriage on May 10, 1985. Miss Barlow is the daughter of the late Homer and Noella Barlow of Hanover and Mr. Merrill is the son of Ralph and Nicole Merrill of Bethel.

Miss Barlow will graduate from Rumford High School in June.

Mr. Merrill is a graduate of Telstar Regional High School and is presently employed at the Sunday River Ski Area.

Tri-Town Rescue

Tri-Town is in the middle of its every-member canvass through the four towns. Please consider the ambulance service seriously when a member comes to your home with the 1985 newsletter asking for a donation. The questionnaire lists a variety of ways to support the work of the ambulance service, including driving, in-service dispatching, auxiliary work, seat belt rescue, and being an attendant.

Tri-Town Search and Rescue had a good training program with Paul Marcolini, Outward Bound, April 16. Tri-Town would like to thank him for assisting with their training.

The next auxiliary meeting is May 6 at the Bethel Savings Bank in West Paris. All canvassing money should be turned in at this time.

Safety Tip of the Week—Last week were the signs and symptoms of a heart attack. This week an attempt will be made to compare two similar heart problems, angina, caused by stress and exertion, and a myocardial infarction (heart attack). Both are serious and need to be examined by a doctor.

Angina
1. Pain coming on by exertion and exercise
2. Quick onset and lasting 10 to 30 minutes in duration.
3. Relieved by nitroglycerine.
4. Relieved by rest.

Heart Attack
1. No clear cause for the chest pain.
2. Slow onset, lasting more than 30 minutes.
3. Not relieved by nitroglycerine.
4. Not relieved, a constant pressure on the chest.

Sometimes the symptoms are so similar, only a doctor can determine the difference. And angina can lead to a full attack if the symptoms are ignored.

One of the most important things, but also the most difficult, is to remain calm, breathing slowly and deeply until help arrives. Do not try to move or exert yourself in any way as the heart muscle is already under a great deal of strain.

PUBLIC NOTICE
Pursuant to Title 28 M.R.S.A. 252, a notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held on May 8, 1985, 7 p.m. at the Town Office Meeting Room to consider a renewal Class I liquor license application from Susan O'Donnell d/b/a Mothers', Main St., Bethel, Me.
Merton J. Brown, Jr.
Town Clerk 17-18

GUIDANCE OFFICE NEWS

The Guidance Office will be offering the new Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery to juniors on Monday, April 29. This is a multiple aptitude test offered free-of-charge by the Department of Defense. It provides information useful for education and career exploration and decision-making.

On Tuesday, April 30, students at Telstar, grades 7-12, will have the opportunity to attend a Community Career Awareness Fair at Rumford High School. This fair, coordinated by counselors in the northern Oxford area, is designed to give students an opportunity to meet with representatives of business, industry, colleges, V.T.I.'s and the military. Scheduled from 3 to 5 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m., S.A.D. #44 will make two buses available to students who wish to attend. For more information, contact Daniel Hart, at 824-2138.

White returns to Gould for May 1 concert

Local area residents are reminded of the Wednesday, May 1, concert at Gould by Ted White, class of 1960. He recently placed fourth in a nationwide country music festival held at the Grand Ole Opry in Nashville, Tenn., where he was recorded on Nashville Cable TV.

Ted composes and writes lyrics for the music he sings and will be accompanied by several other musicians in this free performance to be held in the Bingham Hall Auditorium at 7:30 p.m.

Ted is looking forward to returning to Bethel and it is hoped that everyone who can attend on May 1 will do so to welcome him back and to enjoy his country and western music.

"B" HONOR ROLL AT NOVA

Vocational Region #9 (NOVA) would like to announce that the following students made the "B" Honor Roll for the third quarter of the 1984-85 school year:

Truck Driving: Robert Bradley, Peter Gallant, Mark Theriault, all of Rumford High School.

Building Trades: Jay Petrie, Mike Robichaud, Jim Volkernick, all of Rumford High School.

Metal Trades: Judy Bryant, Edgar Carey, David Errington, Bill Papsadara, John Sylvester, all of Rumford High School; Raynold Lee, Jason Richards, Peter Woods, Roger White, all of Mexico High School; Matt Cushman, Telstar Regional High School.

Forestry: David Thurston, Rumford High School; Walter Moody, Dixfield High School.

WEST BETHEL CHILDREN'S CENTER

Menu for the week of April 29: Monday: Breakfast—cold cereal, peaches; Lunch—tomato soup, grilled cheese, mixed fresh fruit. Tuesday: Breakfast—cottage cheese, whole wheat toast, fruit cocktail; Lunch—chipped beef on toast, peas, oranges. Wednesday: Breakfast—orange juice, french toast; Lunch—meat loaf, baked potato, spinach, apple. Thursday: Breakfast—apple juice, Wheatena; Lunch: grilled hot dog with bun, potato, peas, carrot and celery sticks, banana. Friday: Breakfast—Grape juice, graham crackers, raisins; Lunch—fish chowder, cheese cubes, raw vegetables, blueberry muffin. All meals served with milk.

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THIS WEEK AT THE Moses Mason House

All members and friends of the Bethel Historical Society are reminded that the monthly meeting will be held on Thursday, May 2, in the meeting room of the Dr. Moses Mason House. Featured speaker for the evening will be Ben Conant, curator of the Paris Cape Historical Society, vice president of the Oxford County League of Historical Societies and also a member of the Bethel Historical Society. Mr. Conant is well known throughout western Maine for his broad knowledge of the region's history. A graduate of Paris High School and Glen Cove Bible College, he taught at Glen Cove Christian Academy for seven years before becoming, 13 years ago, the pastor of the Dunn's Corner Baptist Church in Mount Vernon. Mr. Conant will speak on the massacre of Capt. Jonathan Snow by Indians near the falls that bear his name in the present town of West Paris. He will discuss the subsequent history of the area including the several mills that once flourished at Snow Falls. Anyone interested in attending this meeting is cordially invited to do so. Refreshments will follow the program.

The last in the Adams Chronicles film series will be held on Wednesday, April 24, at 7:30 p.m. in the meeting room of the Dr. Moses Mason House. Sponsored by the Society with the support of the Maine Humanities Council and the National Endowment for the Humanities, the series focuses on the lives and careers of one of America's most distinguished families (John Adams, John Quincy Adams, Charles Francis Adams, Henry Adams, Charles Francis Adams III). This final episode begins with the dilemma Charles Francis Adams II faces as president of the Union Pacific Railroad. He forces Jay Gould out of the company and with the help of W.H. Holcomb eliminates the company debt and receives Congressional approval. However, in the hopes of building an expanded railroad system, Adams throws the company back into debt. A downturn in the economy brings the Union Pacific to bankruptcy and Adams is forced to turn the railroad back to Gould. This setback, plus the growth and change in the town of Quincy, convince Adams to seek a home for the family elsewhere. The film is free and anyone is welcome.

"COLE" IS SUCCESS AT INN

—"MAN OF LA MANCHA" IN JULY
"Cole," a celebration of Cole Porter's music played to standing-room audiences for six performances at The Bethel Inn. The Ragtag Peoples Theater's cast of 17 was under the direction of Burt De Frees.

A summer dinner theater production of "Man of La Mancha" will begin a run of 18 performances on July 14. Anyone interested in auditioning for the ensemble should contact The Bethel Inn at 824-2175 for further information.

MIDDLE SCHOOL HONOR ROLL

Inadvertently omitted from the third quarter honor roll released by the Telstar Middle School was: Grade 8, Honors, Kelly Cole.

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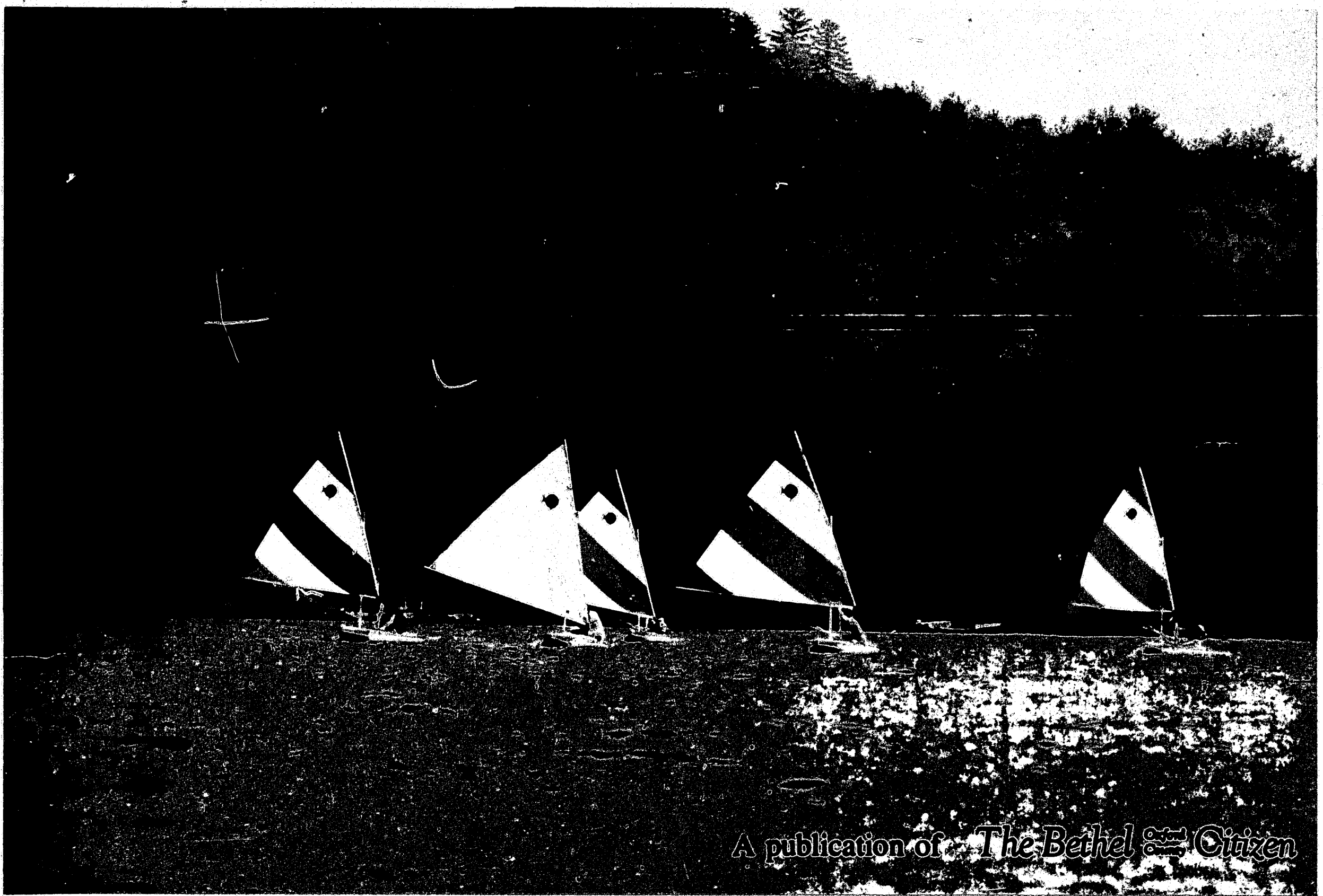
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The Bethel area of southwestern Maine is slowly becoming known as a true year-round tourist area, with the best of New England skiing in the winter, cool summers surrounded by ponds and mountains, breathtaking autumns and balmy springs.

But the area is more than a resort area. It is an area of old New England towns, populated by solid, hard-working people, most of whom work, or have worked, in the forests or in wood-related industries.

The heart of the region is the town of Bethel, which sits astride the Androscoggin River, 75 miles from Portland and 180 miles from Boston. The area also includes the towns of Andover, Hanover, Gilead, Newry, Greenwood, Woodstock and West Paris, plus nearby Bridgton, Harrison, Waterford and Fryeburg.

The economy has developed into a diverse mixture of educational institutions, wood-based industries, tourism and recreation, arts and crafts, agriculture and small-farm enterprises, as well as a significant community of retirement and vacation homes.

In many ways, Bethel is a frontier landmark that symbolizes, with its elegant 19th century architecture, the boundary between man-made beauty and the scenic beauty of the natural surroundings.

It is this blend of natural and man-made beauty that attracts vacationers

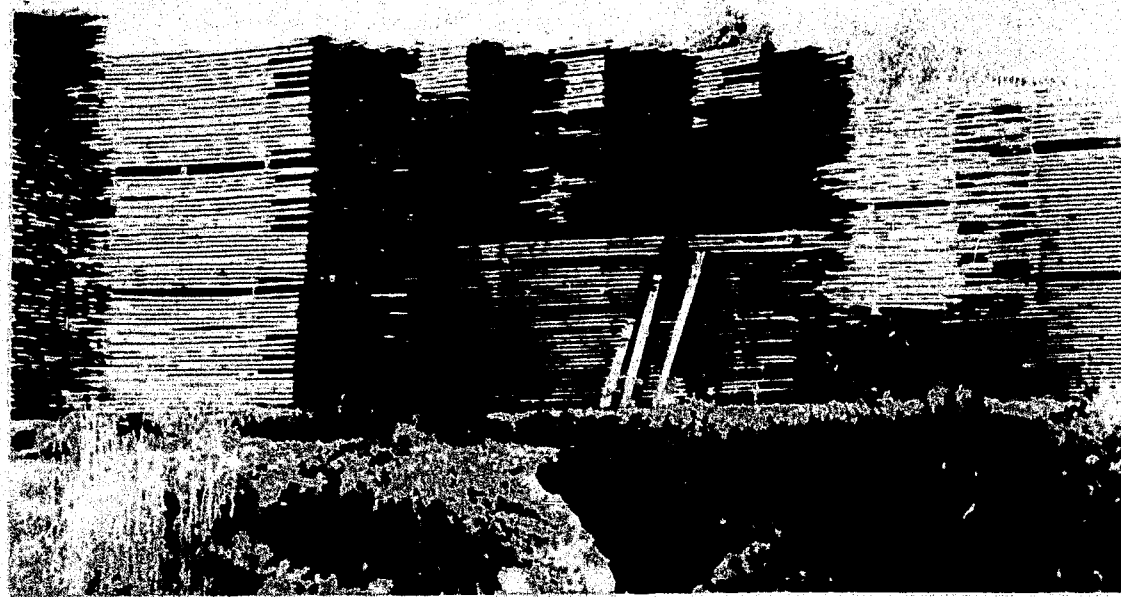
and residents alike—particularly those who seek a wholesome lifestyle, an opportunity to practice self-sufficiency and enjoy a leisurely, uncommercialized retreat from urban stress.

The Town of Bethel, which now numbers about 2,500 people, was founded in 1774 as Sudbury Canada. It was not a part of Canada. Rather, the name came about because the land was given to settlers from Sudbury, Mass., who had fought in the campaign to conquer Canada in 1690. Settlement of the town went slowly during the Colonial and Revolutionary War eras, and as late as 1781 there was an Indian raid (one of the last in New England) that resulted in three of the townspeople being taken captive.

The town was incorporated in 1796 and given the name Bethel—taken from the Book of Genesis and meaning "House of God."

Farming was the principal occupation of the earliest inhabitants, but with the arrival of the Atlantic and St. Lawrence Railway, in 1851, connecting Bethel to Portland and later Montreal, the wood products industry became a major factor in the local economy. In addition, the arrival of the railroad made it possible for summer visitors from Boston and New York to travel easily (and in some luxury) to Bethel to enjoy the town's extraordinary natural setting in the foothills of the White Mountains.

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Two of the eight major downhill ski areas in Maine are located in the Bethel area. They are Mt. Abram, with a vertical drop of 1,030 feet and 12 trails, and Sunday River, with a vertical drop of 1,630 feet and 23 trails. Both areas are putting in additional snowmaking and additional condos in preparation for next winter.

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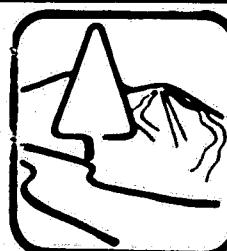
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The first two might be questionable, but certainly the third is the absolute truth. Every time you see a person fishing, there is no doubt about it—you are looking at a happy human being.

Bethel and its surrounding towns cannot be classified as a fisherman's paradise, comparatively speaking, if you're thinking of Maine's neighbor, Quebec, or some of our western states for instance. But don't think for a minute that it's a waste of time to pursue Isaac Walton's pastime here.

Come spring, when the leaves on the alders are as big as a mouse's ear, it's time to search out the many brooks and small streams of the area, and most certainly a meal of brook trout is not impossible to come by. Don't overlook the many small streams that feed the Androscoggin River that meanders through the countryside. Those alder thickets and stretches of puckerbrush hide some mighty good eating!

About the same time of year the ponds of Greenwood and Woodstock give up some real hefty smallmouth and largemouth bass. These fish are real scrappers, put on an aerial show, and they give the angler a real thrill, especially on light tackle. The largemouth grows to at least nine pounds and later in the summer, around dusk,

they are feeding heavily. Artificial baits, plugs and spoons all work well, but it's on a fly rod that a real thrill is in store.

Lake Christopher, in Bryant Pond, is once again giving up some good-sized trout and landlocked salmon. Ice-out is a favored time of year, but persistent fishermen can find rewards all season long.

North Pond, at Locke Mills, holds many species of fish. Pickerel, yellow perch, white perch, bass, and most recently, a stocking of brown trout. Plenty of action anyday. Round Pond gives you horned pout (that is, catfish, if you're from the south), perch, bass and pickerel—a worthwhile spot for a good catch.

South Pond, in Greenwood, has all the above-mentioned species, plus the native lake trout, more commonly known as togue. This deep, spring-fed pond has reluctantly produced togue of large size at various times. In this writer's memory, there have been fish of 10 pounds, 13 pounds, 20 pounds, and 24 pounds 13 ounces—this last one taken by a very happy fisherman. Continued stocking of togue has assured a reasonable yield to fishermen each year.

The place where many Bethelites have summer camps, Songo Pond, in Albany, will give you a delicious feed of horned pout most any spring night. Yellow perch, sunfish, and bass occupy the same water, and usually the state sees fit to dump in a load or two of brook trout each spring. What better



...AND SO DID this pickerel and catfish.

place to spend a lazy afternoon? Stream fishermen find Wild River in neighboring Gilead a most beautiful environment in which to try their luck for rainbow trout, and occasionally take home a "brookie" also.

Near the confluence of many streams that empty into the Androscoggin is a good place to find some sizeable rainbow trout. And speaking of the Androscoggin River, for many years, high levels of pollution made that stream unfishable, even though it contains most all species of freshwater fish in Maine. Today, with all towns and industries along the waterway conforming to

regulations set forth by the Environmental Protection Agency, once again fish from that river are fit for consumption—and canoeing is becoming popular.

We also have nearby such waters as Bear River, Sunday River and its many tributaries, Pleasant River rising out of Mason and Albany, Crocker Pond, Broken Bridge, Round Pond, located in Albany, and many, many small streams that are worth exploring with hook and line.

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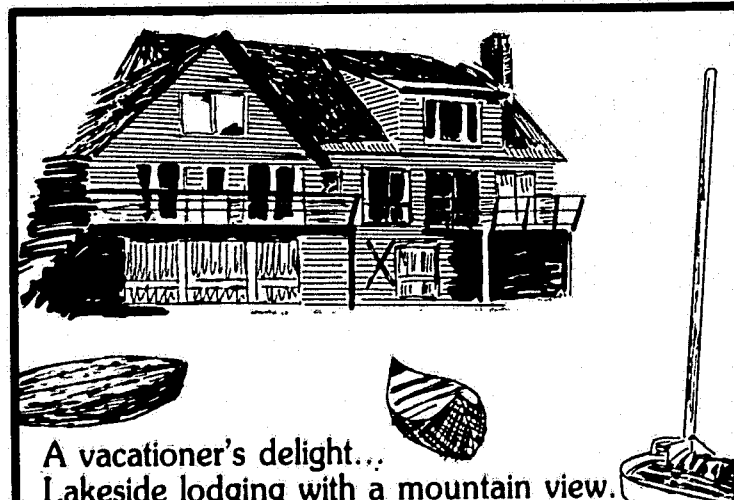
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Canoeists have choice of white water or flat water

The Bethel area is blessed with gorgeous lakes and rivers, offering a variety of types of canoeing in spring, summer, and fall.

One of the best rivers for a peaceful canoe all three seasons, with no portaging, is the Ellis River in Andover. The river meanders a distance of 13 easily canoeable miles from a covered bridge in East Andover to Rumford Point, where the river joins the Androscoggin. One of the reasons the Ellis is so nice is that it offers scenic views at every bend—of Andover Whitecap and other mountains in the area. Not many people use the river, making ducks, cliff swallows and kingfishers often visible. The river offers can be seen sliding down the bank to the water. Fishing is great near the many banks and bends of the river. Convenient sand bars offer nice picnic and swimming spots along the day trip.

But caution is urged for those sensitive to poison ivy. That particular plant is partial to the wet areas near the river. Another word of caution is the current, which helps propel the canoe downstream easily, but can also pull an inexperienced swimmer under the water.

And the swift current can overturn a canoe on downed trees or stumps in the river, if one is not watching.

Another river offering gentle canoeing is the Androscoggin River, which stretches peacefully from the Shelburne Birches in New Hampshire, just across from Gilead, to Bethel and on to Rumford. It is preferable not to canoe through Berlin and Gorham, N.H., or Rumford, as these three towns have dams and paper mills. But many beautiful stretches lie in between. The stretch between Gilead and West Bethel has a series of islands that separate the

large river but quickly join together again. Views of the Mahoosuc Mountains are spectacular in all seasons. Route 2 is near the river, but not noticeable to the canoeist. Just a note: the quality of the river water has improved greatly with the cleaning up of the mills above and below Bethel, but it is still not advisable to drink the water. But it's quite safe to eat the fish.

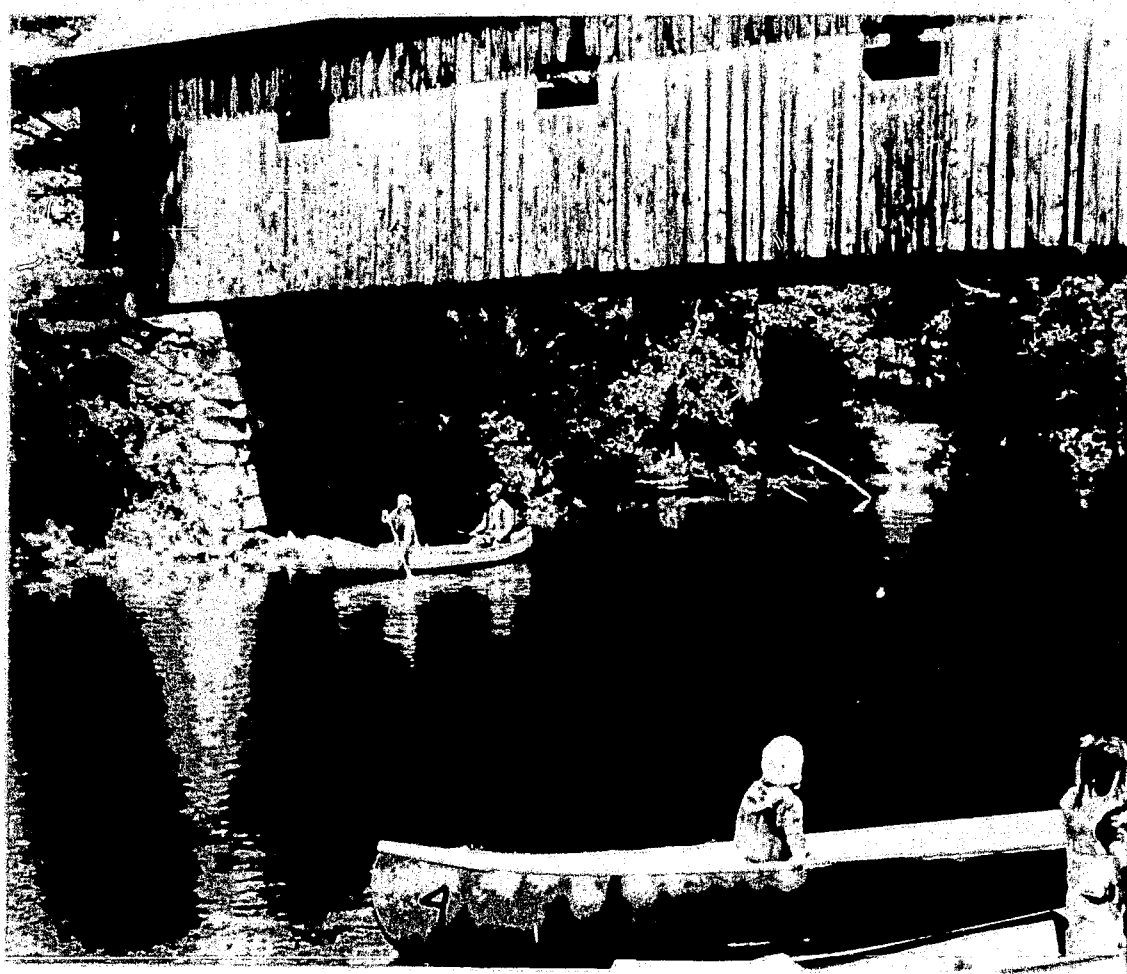
The family canoeist can put in at the campground in Bethel by the Route 2 bridge and have a nice stretch of canoeing. The advantage of this stretch is a set of rapids ¼-mile in length where Bear River joins the Androscoggin four miles downstream from Bethel.

The Saco river, running between North Conway, N.H., and Fryeburg or Hiram, offers excellent family canoeing and swimming, with good possibilities for overnight camping. The river is filled with sandbars for picnic spots. It is very close to the highway, although Route 5 is not visible from the river. The novice canoeist can safely learn the skills of canoeing here, and canoe rental is easy. Fryeburg and North Conway have many canoe rental shops. Rentals include canoe carriers for those taking the canoe to another place to begin the outing.

The only slight disadvantage with the Saco River is its popularity. It is hard to canoe any stretch without seeing another canoeist.

Most white water canoeing is limited to periods of high water levels. Many small streams become raging torrents with a couple of weeks of rain in the summer and are usually good in the spring. The local people can offer advice on river conditions.

The Sunday River, flowing from Riley Plantation through Newry to Bethel, beginning above the covered bridge,



CANOEING in the Bethel area can be a soothing experience...

has great white water experiences when the water is up. The Class II rapids run for about five miles of the river before calming down to swift current. Letter-S, named for its configuration in the rock ledges, has an explosive shoot at

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The Swift River, between Mexico and Rumford, has fantastic white water, with the right water levels. The river is fed by many mountain streams and can rise very rapidly, making it canoeable. The usual starting point is at the three-holes, with the put-in on the Mexico side of the river, about three miles above Hale Bridge.

Two sections offer particular difficulty and can both be portaged, depending on ability and water conditions. Below

Hale Bridge is a four-foot drop with very strong current. Without the right approach, the canoeist can expect to swim. A mandatory portage is immediately after this drop on the right. A large dam is located ½-mile downstream.

The second section requiring scouting is the section called "The Tubs." This section requires handling heavy water and maneuvering a letter-S pattern between the ledges. The river meanders down the last five miles to the Androscoggin River with plenty of current and boulders to avoid. "The Tubs" is one of the best places to watch canoe

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Canoeing

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racers during the annual Swift River Race in May, with at least some, if not all, canoes overturning in this stretch of rapids.

Another river fun to canoe, and not quite as difficult, is the Little Androscoggin River, running from Greenwood to Snow Falls. Please take out before the falls. One good place to put in is by Route 219 in Greenwood, about five miles from West Paris. The river takes about three hours to canoe the stretch to the lower Pioneer Street Bridge. One dam in the center of West Paris requires

portaging on the left. The river rises quickly and drops quickly. So examination of water levels makes the difference between a fun afternoon of canoeing and dragging a canoe over the rocky bottom.

One river offers white water canoeing spring, summer, and fall. The upper section of the Androscoggin River has dam-controlled water levels. Starting in Errol, N.H., just over the Maine line from Upton, the river has consistent Class I and II rapids through 13 miles of natural woodlands. The river has five miles of flat water before the two miles of continuous rapids called the Ponthooks, starting at the dam. Er-

rol offers canoe and kayak rentals and lessons for novice to expert.

Any of the lakes can be canoeed. Most lakes have a public landing, although a canoe can be lowered over the banking wherever one wishes. The lakes of South Pond and Round Pond, in Locke Mills, interconnect and offer a pleasing balance between a large lake and smaller sections between islands. North Pond, Twitchell Pond, both in Greenwood, Songo Pond, in Albany, and Howard Pond, in Hanover, offer peaceful canoeing with great views of nature.

Canoe racing is growing as a competitive sport. The greater Bethel area

has several races throughout the spring and summer for the novice to expert.

Some of the races are really fun for spectators as well as participants. Canoe racing starts as soon as the ice is out of the rivers in the spring and continues throughout the summer, although most summer racing is flat-water. Races are held on the Swift River, with excellent viewing at each of the difficult stretches (Hale Bridge and The Tubs), Sunday

River, the Androscoggin River, starting at Bethel, the Saco, the Ellis River, and the upper Androscoggin.

The upper Androscoggin race, usually the first weekend in August, has slalom canoe and kayaking, as well as downhill racing, with excellent views from the Route 26 bridge over the rapids. The mass start in this race makes it trickier and more fun to watch.

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With the White Mountain National Forest to the west, the Mahoosuc Range and Grafton Notch State Park to the north, dozens of other peaks for hiking (and rivers and lakes for fishing, swimming and canoeing) to the south and east, Bethel is literally surrounded with thousands of acres of wild and beautiful landscape.

A brief stop at the National Forest Ranger Station on Bridge Street (Rt. 2) in Bethel will provide you with maps and information about points of interest, and trails and campgrounds on the National Forest. They also have available a number of informative handouts about hiking, camping, Forest Service policies, and a self-guided auto tour of the Patte Brook Demonstration Area where you can observe many of the Forest Service's management practices. One particularly useful pamphlet, printed by the Appalachian Mountain

Club, is titled, "So You Want to Take a Hike," and contains many important tips about planning a day trip or longer outing.

One of the most fascinating regions of the White Mountain National Forest, and the most easily accessible from Bethel, is Evans Notch. To get there, drive west about 10 miles on Rt. 2 to the village of Gilead. Turn left on Rt. 113 and head up Wild River, the scene of many logging camps and river drives in the 1800s.

A little over three miles from Rt. 2 you'll cross Evans Brook near its confluence with Wild River. There is a parking lot on the right and the river road branches off from Rt. 113. Stop there and take a path to the footbridge that crosses Wild River to the Highwater Trail for an easy walk upstream to the sights and sounds of cedar waxwings, kingfishers, and the river.

Other reasonably short hikes in Evans Notch include: The Roost Trail, beginning just back before the bridge over Evans Brook and climbing about 600 feet in less than a half-mile to a knob overlooking the river; and the East Royce Trail, which starts on the right at the crest of the Notch and gains the 3,100-foot summit of East Royce Mountain in less than a mile-and-a-half. The latter hike may take a few hours, but affords you a view of the Presidential Range to the west, the Rangeleys to the north, and the entire hills and lakes region to the south and east.

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Hiking

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Plan on a half-day or better to enjoy the hike around the basin on the Basin Rim Trail, or a full day to climb Caribou Mountain, by either the Caribou Trail (up Morrison Brook) past Kees Falls, or the Mud Brook Trail. You can enjoy both by going up one trail and down the other and still not be too far from your car. Caribou has another spectacular 360-degree view and, in early to mid-August, some of those blueberries mentioned earlier.

Evans Notch has four beautiful and spacious campgrounds that provide water but no camper hookups. All are filled on a first-come first-served basis, so you may want to check with the ranger station for information on availability of sites. There are several private campgrounds in the Bethel area, many with camper hookups.

To reach Grafton Notch State Park from Bethel, take Rt. 26 north, but make one stop along the way. About 2½ miles past the Maine Scenic Highway sign in North Newry, pull off the road on the right before crossing the bridge over Wight Brook. A short hike upstream brings you to Step Falls. Owned by the Nature Conservancy, Step Falls is a several-hundred-foot series of cascades where the brook tumbles over the granite ledges between Dresser Mountain and Lightning Ledge.

Continue north on Rt. 26, and in just a few hundred yards you'll be in Grafton Notch State Park. There are several fascinating stops along Bear River: at Screw Auger Falls, The Jail, Moose Cave, and Mother Walker Falls before reaching a turnout on the left where the Appalachian Trail crosses the highway. For a pleasant half-day hike, follow the AT signs north about .7 miles to the side trail to Table Rock. This is a huge overhang of granite that affords a precipitous view of the Notch and

vicinity.

Two longer hikes from the AT parking lot are fairly strenuous but most rewarding. To the south is a steep climb up 4180-foot Old Speck, Maine's third highest peak. The old fire tower on its summit offers a superb view. On a very clear day you can see the Maine coast. Continuing the hike down the west ridge to Speck Pond is well worth it, but be sure to allow time to return back over the summit. Leaving the parking lot headed north, the trail climbs past the Table Rock spur, over the West Peak of Baldpate Mountain to the 3812-foot East Peak for another fabulous 360-degree vista, more blueberries, and perhaps a spruce grouse or two.

Plan for a full day for either Old Speck

or Baldpate, especially the latter, for which the round-trip approaches seven substantial miles. A well-equipped pack, including the "AMC Trail Guide," is recommended. Water should be carried on all hikes in the area.

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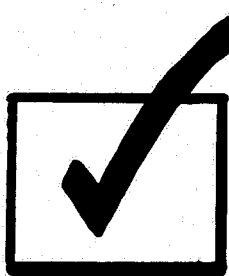
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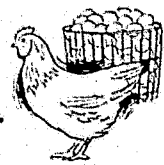
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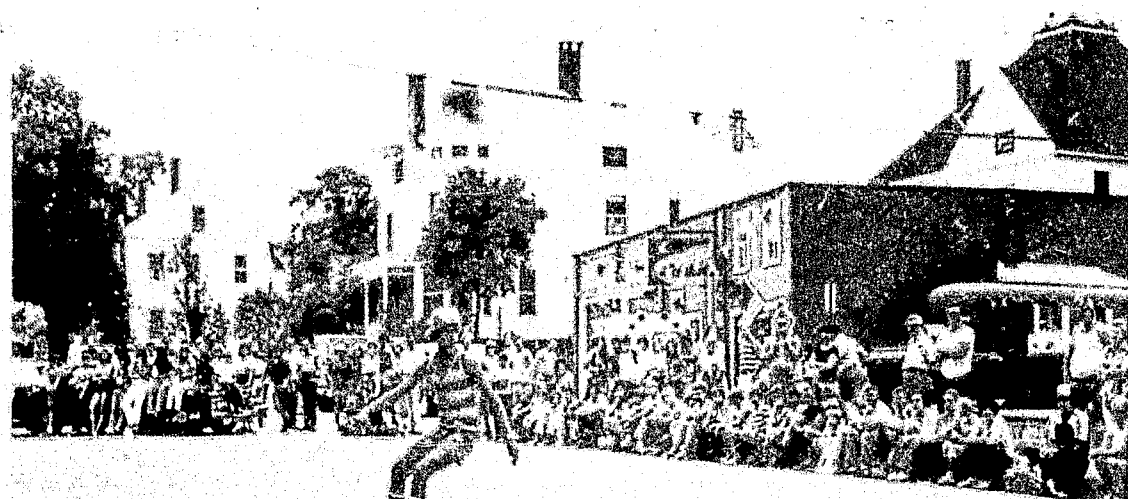
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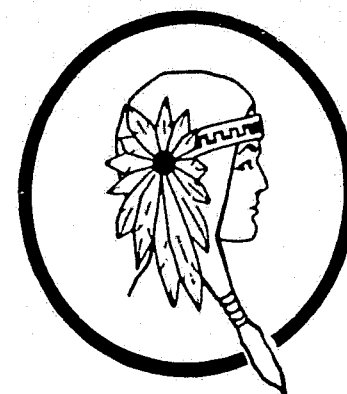
TOWN FESTIVALS, such as Mollyockett Day, bring townsfolk into the streets for simple pleasures, such as a skateboard slalom.

Mollyockett Day is midsummer festival

Mollyockett Day is observed in Bethel on the third Saturday of July each year. Featuring a parade, foot races, arts and crafts booths on the Village Common, and many other events, the day is a principal fund-raiser for area service clubs as well as a day of fun and reunion.

Named after a legendary Pequawket Indian princess, who lived among the early settlers of the Western Maine area, the day had its origin in 1949 as the Bethel Bazaar. The Bethel Health Council assumed sponsorship of the community event in the early 1950s. In recent years the Bethel Lions Club has been the primary sponsor, with the cooperation of many other local organizations.

Among the stories in the Mollyockett legend was her reputation as "the great



Indian doctress.

Her most famous patient was the infant Hannibal Hamlin of Paris Hill. Arriving at the Hamlin home on a stormy night in 1809, after being refused

shelter at Snow Falls, and, according to legend, cursing the place, Mollyockett found young Hannibal near death. Her prescription of warm cow's milk saved his life and he went on to become vice president during Abraham Lincoln's first term.

Second only to her medical reputation, was Mollyockett's fame as a storyteller. Most famous are the "treasure stories"—the burying of Indian gold in West Paris beneath a trap hung in a tree, and similar tales involving White Cap Mountain in Andover, and Hemlock Island in East Bethel. These stories set off many a treasure hunt, but to no reward.

Andover, Maine, was Mollyockett's final home, when she became too ill to travel, and she was cared for by the Thomas Bragg family. She died on August 2, 1816, and was buried in the Andover cemetery. Fifty years later the women of the Andover church raised money for a marker, which was installed on Mollyockett's grave on July 4, 1867.

So, on Saturday, July 20, another local girl will preside over the day's events as "Princess Mollyockett" and area residents and visitors will participate in what has become a summer tradition in Western Maine. The theme of the celebration this year will be Modes of Transportation.

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Holiday honors 18th century settlers

Sudbury Canada Days honor Bethel's 18th century heritage each August with activities centered at the Moses Mason Museum on Broad Street. This year's events are scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, August 10-11.

Sudbury Canada was the original name of Bethel before it was incorporated. A grant of land was made by the General Court of Massachusetts to soldiers from Sudbury, Mass., who had fought in the campaign to conquer Canada in 1690.

The first settlers came in 1774 but the first settlement of the town was interrupted by the American Revolution. Following that conflict a steady stream of people, many of them veterans of the Revolution, came to Sudbury Canada. In 1796, the town had developed to the point that it petitioned the General Court of Massachusetts to incorporate and this was approved on June 10, 1796.

The years as Sudbury Canada were difficult but they were also eventful and colorful. Probably the best example is what has been called "New England's Last Indian Raid" when a party of Indians attacked the homes of several settlers and took three of Sudbury Canada's citizens captive.

Sudbury Canada Days is the Bethel Historical Society's summer festival focusing on old-time pastimes. A wide variety of old-time crafts are featured as well as both children's and adults' games. There is also a croquet tournament, a horseshoe pitching tournament and a checkers tournament. There is a log drivers' bean supper, an old-time variety show, an art show featuring local artists, a flower show and usually a concert at the historic Middle Intervale Meeting House, the town's oldest surviving meeting house, built in 1816.



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Imagine the quaint little village of yesteryears—one so unspoiled, so quiet that even shadows whisper as they

walk. To step back in time is to visit the town of Waterford. It sits undisturbed amongst the lakes and mountains in western Maine, between Bridgton and Bethel.

Waterford, a small, closely knit community of under 1,000, where public suppers take place once a month, where townsfolk host public breakfasts each summer Wednesday, and where

a "World's Fair" climaxes the summer's activities.

Waterford provides riches of history and prospers today from the pride of its past. Incorporated in 1797, South Waterford was known as the City, and site of a prosperous community. Business thrived along Kedar Brook and Keoka Lake, with a gristmill, bucket factory, box factory, paint and vinegar factory, tannery, blacksmith shop and one of the oldest carding mills in the country. Thriving businesses brought travelers, new roads and stage coach runs. One such run provided transportation from Bridgton and Harrison and was operated by Maxfield's.

The stagecoach run initiated the development of hotels, inns and guesthouses along the way. It is, in fact, that business which Waterford is still known for—a town of country inns and crossroads. Today, two original stagecoach inns still operate, while three other bed and breakfast facilities operate in restored houses.

The pace of a gentle life continues and can be touched by visiting the general store in any of the four Waterfords, that is, South Waterford, Waterford Flat, North Waterford and East Waterford.

This four-season community boasts some of the finest hunting and fishing in Maine. Class A canoeing takes place on the Crooked River in early spring, while wonderful views of the White Mountains and Mt. Washington are available from any of the numerous hills in Waterford.

A village that encompasses over 10 lakes and ponds and numerous public and private camps and campgrounds, Waterford provides that picturesque beauty that we often reflect upon, but rarely discover. It also provides a living history of an important and cherished past.



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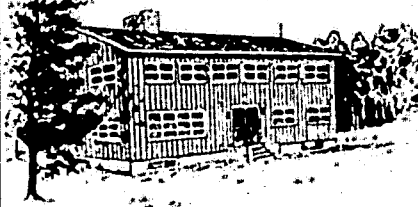
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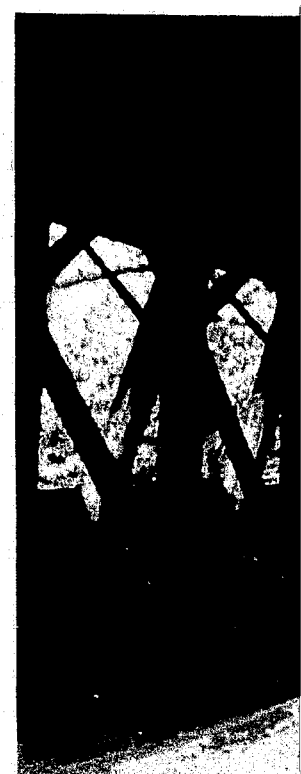
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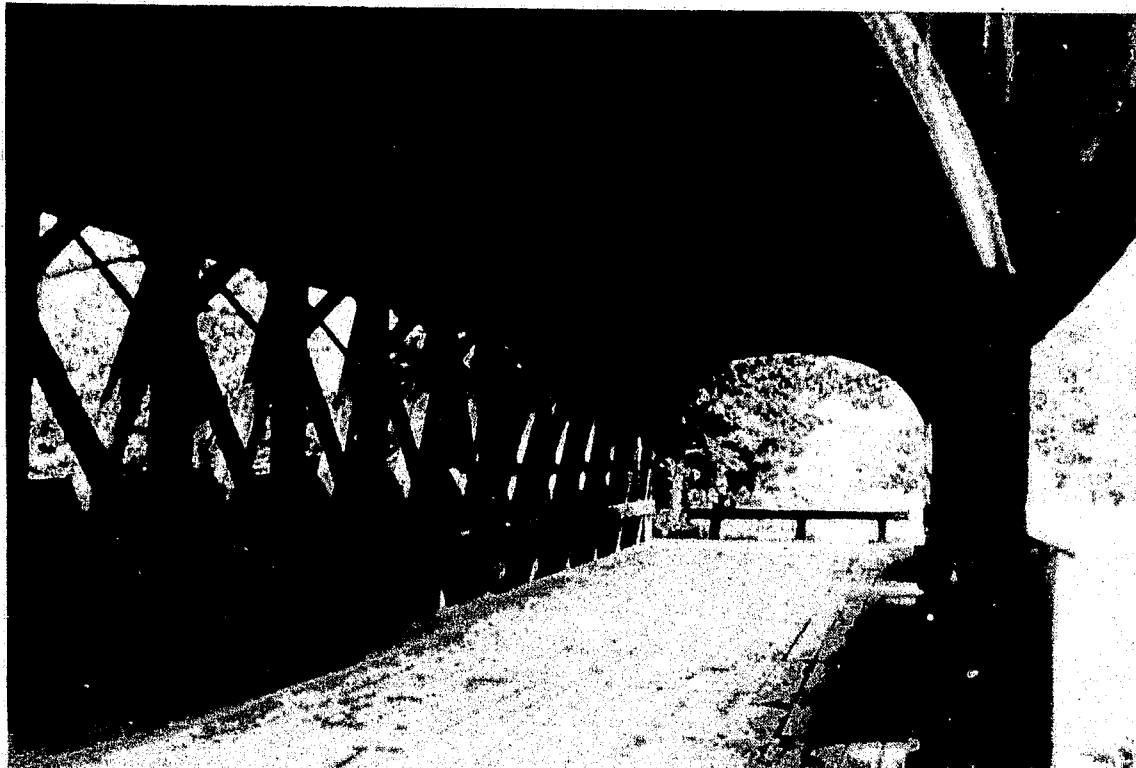
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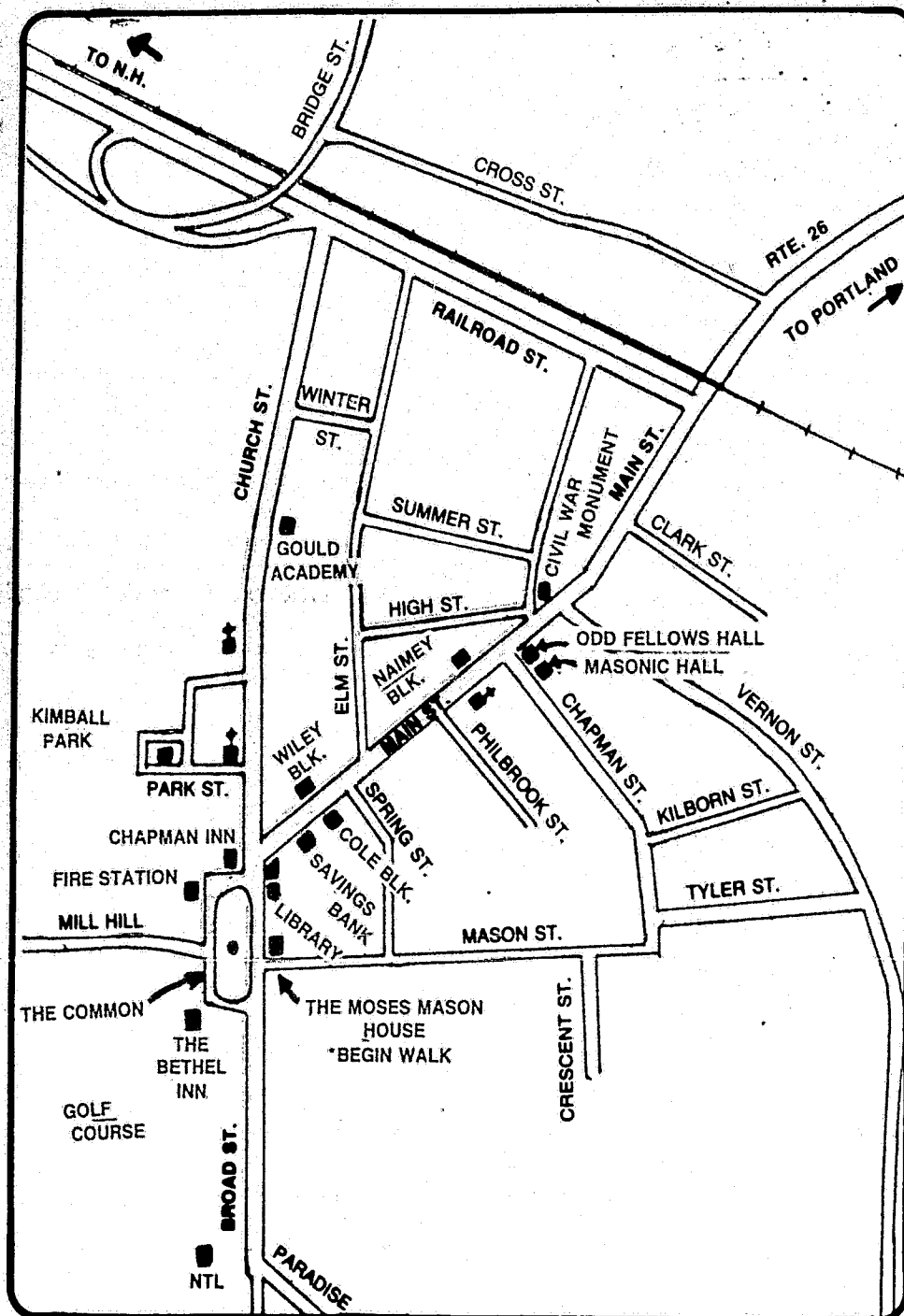
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The Moses Mason House dates from 1813 and was the home of Dr. Moses Mason—physician, teacher, postmaster and public servant. The Federal period house is now a museum, restored by the Bingham Foundation and furnished, through local contributions, by the Bethel Historical Society. Continue the tour by walking in a southerly direction, left on Broad Street.

The Broad Street houses are distinguished by a variety of architectural features, as well as by their overall New England character, dating from the mid-to-late-19th century. Broad Street was once popularly known as Straw Street, as three of its residents, including Dr. Mason, married sisters—the Misses Straw. Continue along

Broad Street.

The National Training Laboratories (NTL) center. The large estate at the end of Broad Street is now the summer headquarters of this behavioral training organization. The main building was once the home of Dr. John Gehring—one of the pioneers in the treatment of nervous disorders. The modern dining hall and dormitories were added by NTL. Return to the Common, passing on the left side of Broad Street.

The Bethel Inn. This side of the Common has been the site of three hotels during the town's history. The present inn was built in 1913. It is open during the summer, offering golf, tennis and swimming facilities, as well as fine food and lodging.

The Common. Once the center of village life, the Common was the gift to the town of Eleazar Twitchell, one of the first settlers. The Common was once fenced for cattle, but has, for most of its history, been a park. The fountain was newly built in the fall of 1984, replacing

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Your Guide

Summer calendar of events

There are interesting things to do all summer long in the Bethel area. Here's a sampling. When you're in the area, check the "community calendar" in The Bethel Citizen for additional listings.

June: Odd Fellows Public Supper, Main Street, Bethel, first and third

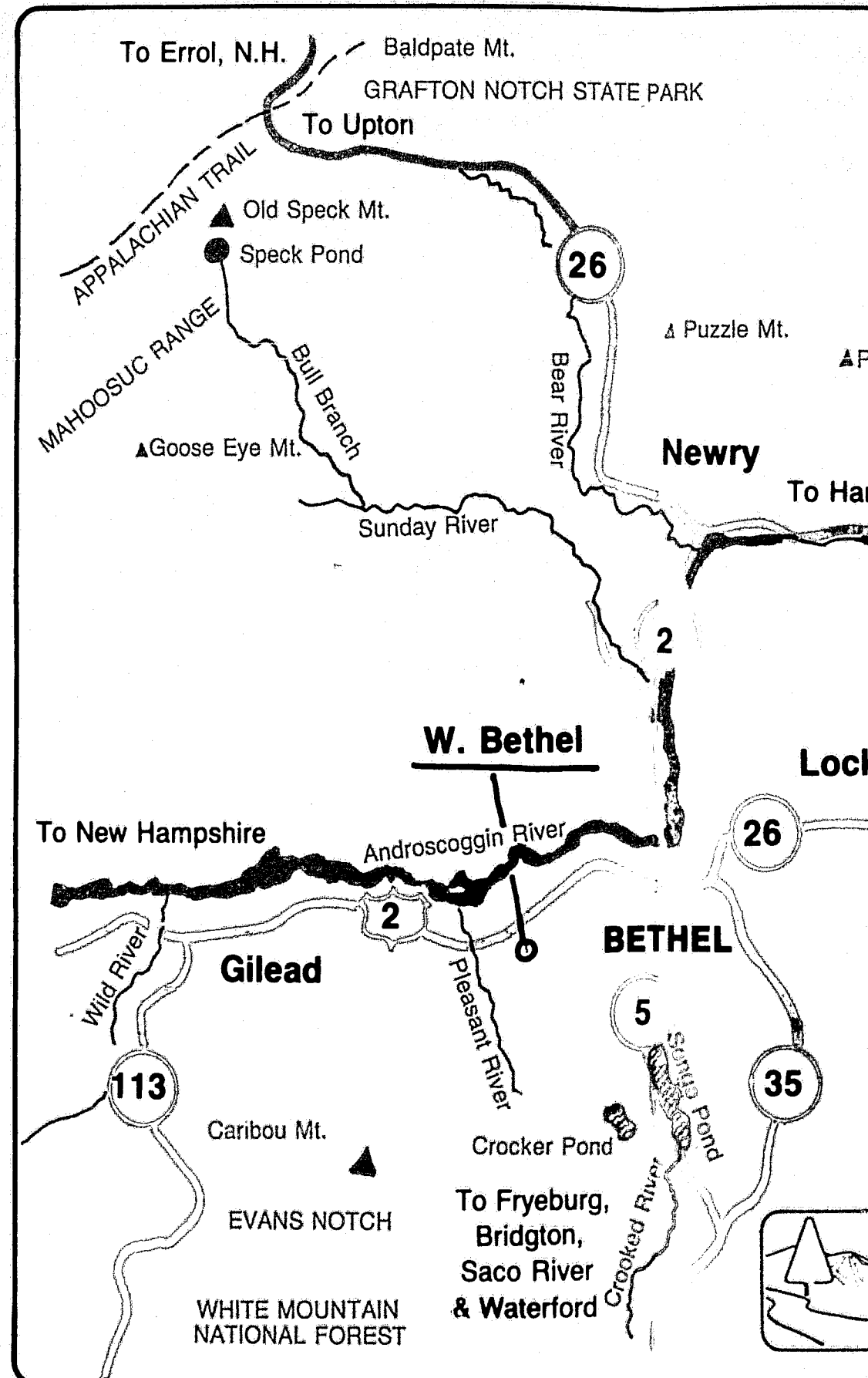
Saturdays, 5-6:30; \$3.50 adults, \$1.25 children under 12.

July 4, Thursday: Public Supper, Stoneham Congregational Church, Rte. 5, Stoneham; 5-7 p.m.; \$3.50 adults, \$1.50 children under 12; beans, casseroles, breads, pies, beverages.

July 6, Saturday: Strawberry social, Stoneham Congregational Church, Bethel; 2-7 p.m.; cake, etc.

July 6, Saturday: Public supper, June.

July 11, Thursday: Albany Church 5-6:30 p.m.



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July 6, Saturday: Old-fashioned strawberry social, West Parish Congregational Church, Church Street, Bethel; 2-7 p.m.; strawberry shortcake, etc.

July 6, Saturday: Odd Fellows public supper, same schedule as for June.

July 11, Thursday: Public Supper, Albany Church, Rte. 35, Albany; 5-6:30 p.m.

July 13, Saturday: Spaghetti Supper, Locke Mills Union Church, put on by the men of the church. See The Bethel Citizen for details.

July 18, Thursday: Public Supper, Stoneham Congregational Church, Rte. 5, Stoneham; 5-7 p.m.; \$3.50 adults, \$1.50 children under 12.

July 20, Saturday: Public Supper Odd Fellows.

July 20, Saturday: Mollyockett

Day. See The Bethel Citizen for details.

July 25, Thursday: Public Supper Albany Church.

July 27, Saturday: Public Supper, Locke Mills Union Church: beans, casseroles, rolls, pies, beverages.

August 1, Thursday: Stoneham Public Supper.

August 3, Saturday: Odd Fellows Public Supper.

August 8, Thursday: Public Supper, Albany Church.

August, usually first week: Blueberry Festival, held when the berries are ripe, Locke Mills Union Church.

August 10, 11, Saturday, Sunday: Sudbury Canada Days, sponsored by Bethel Historical Society. Theme this year: "Old Time Pastimes." Children's parade, crafts, games, old time variety show, bean supper, horseshoe pitching tournament.

August 11-16: Methodist Church Vacation Bible School, Main Street, Bethel; call 624-2010 for details.

August 15, Thursday: Public Supper, annual turkey supper with all the trimmings; Stoneham Congrega-

tional Church.

August 15, Thursday: Old-fashioned pie social and hymn sing, Congregational Church, Bethel; 5-7 p.m. pie social, 7:30 p.m. hymn sing; garden produce available.

August 17, Saturday: Odd Fellows Public Supper.

August 22, Thursday: Public Supper, Albany Church.

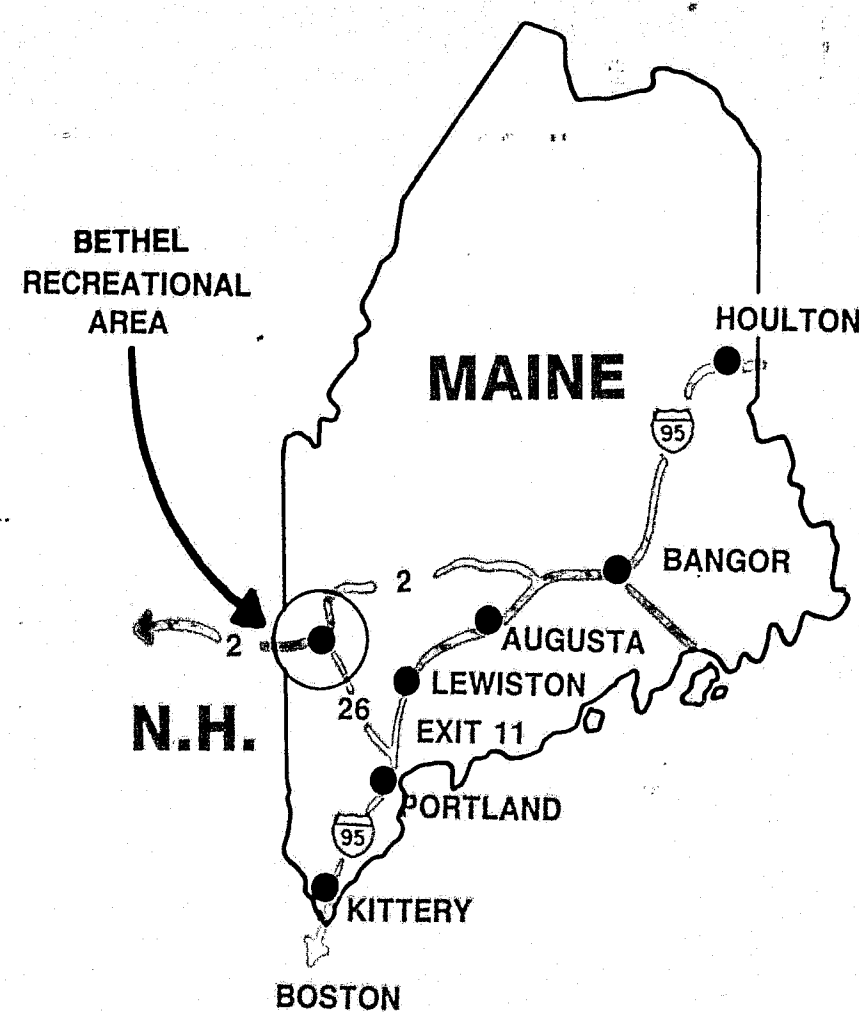
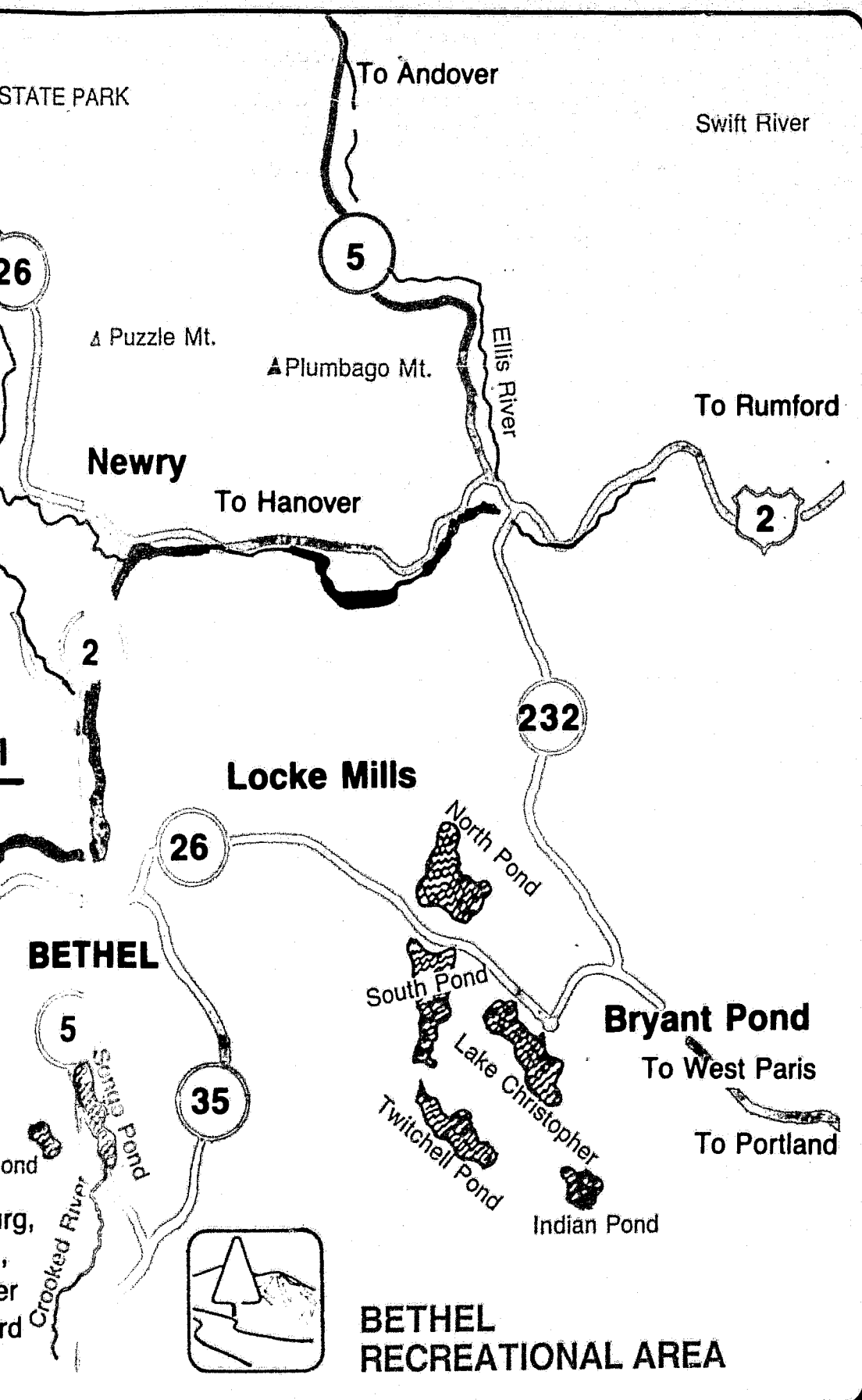
September 28-29, Saturday, Sunday: Second Annual Blue Mountain Crafts Festival at South Ridge Lodge, Sunday River Ski Resort, Newry.

October 5, Saturday: Locke Mills Union Church, Harvest Sale and Supper; sale during the day, supper at 5:30 p.m.

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Every Wednesday in July and August, at 4 p.m., there is a film series at the Moses Mason House in Bethel.

Every Friday during the summer, the Methodist Church gift shop, in the church on Main Street, Bethel, is open 1-5 p.m.

The last Friday of every month, there are contra dances at the Pleasant Valley Grange in West Bethel.



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one built in 1896. A monument commemorating Bethel's war dead stands at the northerly end of the Common.
The Bethel Opera House is now condominiums, but it used to be a restaurant, and before that, a store and a public hall.

Fire Station. One of the newer public buildings in town, the fire station was built in 1965. It replaced a large frame building known as The Block, which had housed a store, two apartments, community room, offices, and the fire department, at various times. From the Common, proceed in a northerly direction along Church Street.

The large house on the corner of Church Street and the Common was at various times a store, a summer hotel, and, for many years, the summer home of Dr. William Rogers Chapman, whose accomplishments in the musical world brought some well-known musical personalities to Bethel. The building is now the Chapman Inn and is a year-round bed and breakfast establishment. The houses along Church Street were built during the mid-to-late-19th century.

The Church of the Nazarene now occupies the building built in 1853 by the Universalist Society. Memorial windows are a more recent addition.

Park Street, off Church Street, leads to Kimball Park, which was developed in the 1860s by Ira C. Kimball.

The West Parish Congregational Church was built in 1847. Cross Church Street and follow the sidewalk in front of Gould Academy infirmary to Elm and High streets.

Gould Academy. Now a private preparatory school, Gould was founded in 1836 as a village academy. Through a series of generous contributions, the campus took on its present appearance in the middle years of this century. Follow High Street to the Civil War Monument.

The vacant lot to the right once contained an old jail known popularly as The Lock-up. Tramps and other wanderers were allowed to spend the night there.

The modern Casco Bank building, built in 1968, stands on the site originally occupied by Bryant's Market, operated by four generations of Bryants. Cross the street.

The Odd Fellows Hall was built in the 1890s. Behind it, the Masonic Lodge occupies the building erected by the Christian Science Society in 1924. Cross the street.

The Naimen Block, built in 1922, houses the Post Office, Bethel Spa, RFD #1 Restaurant, stores and apartments. Cross the street.

The Methodist Church was built in 1893, replacing an older building that was destroyed by a cyclone in 1891. Cross the street.

The Bethel House site, which is now senior citizen housing, has served various functions in town. It was a motel, a dormitory for Gould Academy, and a movie theater. Cross the street.

The Cole Block was built in 1891. It was once the location of Bethel's two banks, as well as town office. Odeon Hall, on the second floor, has served as



PAINTING THE TOWN OFFICE: The Cole Block, in which the Bethel town office is located, received a new coat of paint this past fall. Sonny Meader, above, and Vern Davis did the job.

a movie theater and was the location for town meetings, socials, Gould graduations, church services and other gatherings. Presently it continues to house the town office, plus a real estate office, and The Bethel Citizen newspaper office and print shop.

The Bethel Savings Bank's new building, built in 1974, occupies a site that formerly had a store, the post office and a laundromat. Cross the street.

The Wiley Block has been the location of a drug store, under different ownerships, for many years. It was also

formerly a post office location.

The Edelweiss building is a replacement of an earlier commercial building. In addition to the downstairs store, there are apartments upstairs. Cross back to the opposite corner on Main Street and Broad Street.

The unique double building on the corner was built in the mid-1800s. The wooden structure has been a store, and a lawyer's home and office; the brick portion has been a shop, an artist's studio, a dance theater, and now a real estate office and law office. Continue down Broad Street.

The Bethel Library building is a combination of two structures, the wall being formed out of a law library. The present front section was built in the 1930s. For other interesting walks and places to go, drop in to the Moses Mason House and talk with the people of the Bethel Historical Society.

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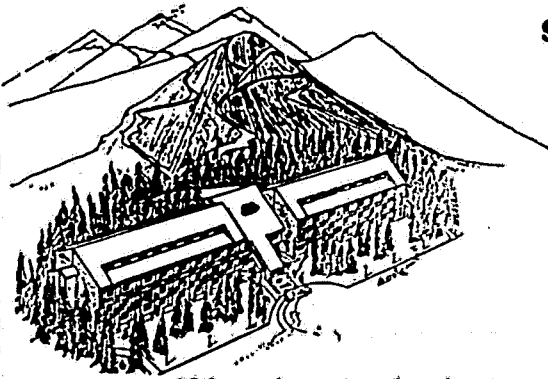
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When a land-locked citizen in the Bethel area thinks of sailing, he usually thinks of going elsewhere—to the Maine coast, where there are windjammers with long waterlines and acres of canvas.

But, the fact is, a lot of sailing takes place right in the Bethel area, on the many lakes and ponds.

Not only is there sailing, there's also sailboat racing. It's not the America's Cup, but it's fun.

Around 1972, Walton Hathaway sweet-talked most of the sailboat owners in the area into a race. A good time was had by all, and soon the event became a weekly regatta.

And thus the North Pond Sailing Association, headquartered in Woodstock, near Mt. Abram Ski Slopes, was born.

It's an informal group of sailors who meet every Sunday afternoon at the starting buoys to race for the fun of it. They

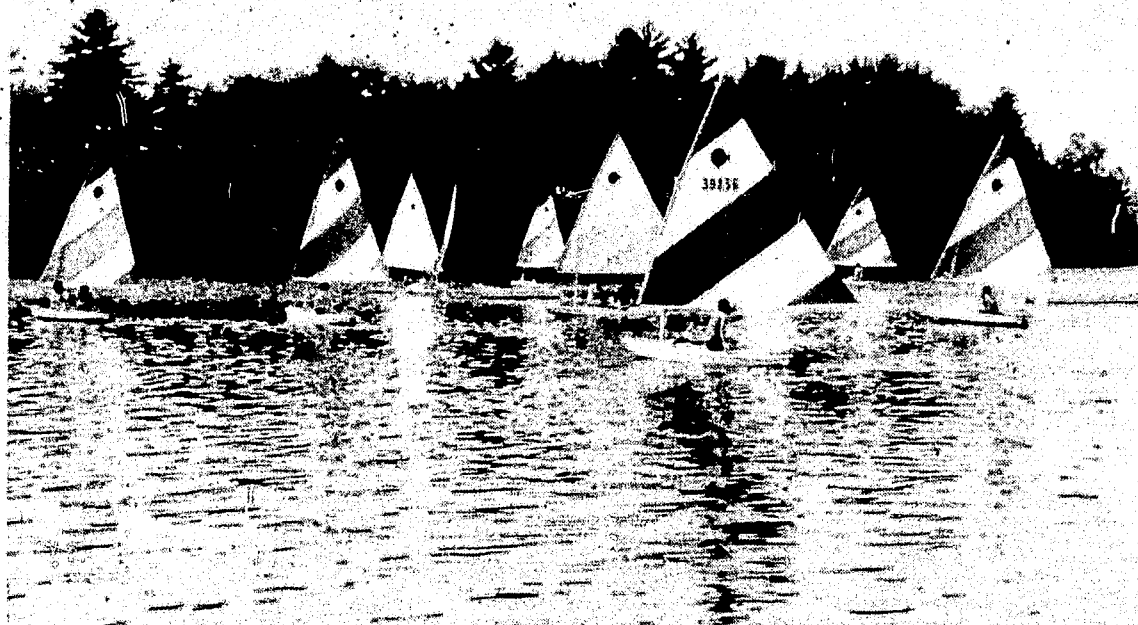
pay no dues or registration fees, and they win no trophies.

The Association has a Sunfish fleet, but it also welcomes any and all small-boat skippers to join in the fun. Just don't expect a yacht club with a commodore in a blue blazer.

The Association works to promote sailing in the area and to introduce the sport to visitors as well as to potential local devotees. This has meant keeping the weekly regattas simple and fun.

Emphasizing how low-key is the Association's approach to racing is the following story told by Blaine Mills, local sailor and author. "Late on Sunday afternoon I was pulling up the regatta buoys about an hour-and-a-half after the regatta had finished. While I was tackling the third buoy, two women sailed up and, in an incredible show of spirit, shouted at me to leave the marker so they could finish the race."

Mr. Mills welcomes one and all to join the races. "On any nice, breezy Sunday afternoon this summer, you can bet the fleet—whether three boats or 20—will be out on North Pond (on the north side of Route 26 between the towns of Bryant Pond and Locke Mills). If you care to join in the confusion, the only requirement for entry is that you be able to rig your boat and sail to the starting buoys. When the starting gun sounds, should you find yourself sailing in the wrong direction, simply come about and follow the fleet. If you're lucky, they'll be sailing on the mark."



ALMOST ANY WEEKEND you can find a fleet of small sailboats in friendly competition on one of the many ponds in the Bethel area.

The regattas start on or about the first Sunday in July, and end on the last Sunday before Labor Day. All regattas except two are held on North Pond. Of

the two exceptions, one is held on Lake Christopher in Bryant Pond, and one salt water regatta is held at Harpswell.

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Local storyteller explains Maine folks through humor

West Paris, just down the road (Route 26) from Bethel, is possibly an unlikely place in which to find one of the state's best-known storytellers, but that's the fact of the matter.

Joe Perham was born and bred in West Paris—a town of 1,400 people—along with a dozen other Perham kids. It took 33 years for all the Perham kids to clear the halls of the local schools, recalls the 52-year-old Perham.

Living on a hill adjacent to the family farm, with a view of the Oxford hills spread out below, Perham finds himself quite comfortable in the attractive mill town he calls home. "I really think West Paris is in the middle of things," he says—"between Sugarloaf USA and Waterville Valley, New Hampshire."

He points out that it is also about midway between Boston and Montreal. "If I'm not at the center of the universe, I don't know who is."

He inhabits this center of the universe with a bunch of characters he's made famous locally through telling stories about them at club meetings and luncheons and dinners, and on record—though he's the first to admit that he hasn't done much to clear out the backlog of recordings (he's done three so far) in his basement. "I don't have a very strong philosophical commitment to selling my records."

The people that he talks about in his tall tales are mostly real people in town.

There's Dickie Baker, Billings, Clyde, and Perham's neighbor down the road, dairyman Ole Olson—one of the many Scandinavians who came to the valley to find work in the wood mills.

The local mill—Penley's—also figures prominently in many of Perham's stories, as does another local enterprise, the Trap Corner Store. Most of his tales seem to involve people who have either left the mill or are drinking coffee at the store—which is where Perham regularly goes for a hamburger lunch.

Penley's, if you can believe Perham, is "the home of the world-famous Penley clothespin—the Cadillac of clothespins, as they're known in the trade." Local residents have a more mundane view of the mill—simply looking upon it as the largest employer in the town.

Billings is one of Perham's characters who worked at the mill until retirement at age 65, at which point he got married. Asked why he waited so long to get married, Billings told Perham, according to the storyteller, "If you find a good woman, she's worth waiting for. If she's not a good one, you don't have so long to live with her."

Billings' bride was not a good one, as things turned out. Yet he took her everywhere he went. When Perham asked him why he didn't leave her at home, Billings was incredulous. "Hell, then I'd have to kiss her goodbye."

While there's some feuding between the sexes in Perham's stories, more typical struggles are between the tourist (usually from Massachusetts) and the local citizen. And Perham's neighbor, Ole Olson, is typical of the unassuming local resident.

Perham loves to tell the story about the Massachusetts tourist who stopped his car along High Street to gaze at the lovely view of Olson's herd of cows in the field. Spotting Olson, he asked the farmer about one particular cow. "How come that cow has no horns?" asked the tourist.

The farmer, good-natured as could be, informed the man that sometimes cows' horns are done away with through genetic breeding, and sometimes they get knocked off by accident. Sometimes, even, farmers cut them off. "But the reason that particular cow has no horns," said Ole, "is because it's a horse."

Another local resident was set upon one day by an irate out-of-state driver when he turned off Route 26 into his driveway without so much as a signal. "Why don't you signal before you turn?" stormed the out-of-stater. "Why should I," shot back the local, "I always turn here."

Perham explains that the two stories indicate the essence of Maine humor, which is, "The ability of the character to put everybody down on his level, and at that level he wins."



HE LIKES PERFORMING HAMLET, but local storyteller Joe Perham also enjoys telling tales about his neighbors, such folks as Dickie Baker and Ole Olson, residents of West Paris.

"The ability to seize success out of calamity," is another way he defines a Maine humor story. Added to that is a marked prejudice against people "from away."

Most of the punch lines are gentle. Dry, is the way Perham explains it. "Maine humor is very, very dry. It's very oblique."

As an example, he offers the story told by Holman Day, one of the earliest practitioners of Maine humor, about himself when he was traveling out west in the days before the telegraph. He received a letter from a friend of his back home in Maine informing him that his house had burned down and that the local authorities had put a plaque up on the ruins.

"What does the plaque say?" inquired Day in an urgent letter.

Two weeks later the mailed reply came to him: "The plaque reads, 'Greenville, eight miles.'"

Where do such stories come from? Many come, literally, out of the mouths of West Paris residents—friends Perham chats with at the counter of the Trap Corner Store or in front of the post office. (Continued on Page 17)

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Maine storyteller

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ice in the village. "I'm a listener," says Perham, "and a lot of it gets incorporated."

Neighbor Olson is one he listens to a lot. "Ole Olson has a great sense of humor, but I've never used any stories he's told me."

"And he's never bought one of my records. Says all he cares about is taking care of his cows."

Aside from listening, Perham is also a reader of folklore, which is not surprising since he spent 27 years as a high school English teacher. "My interest was as an English teacher, studying humor and seeing what it could do."

He found that some forms of humor have universal application. For example, he found that stories from poor farming areas of the south fit in culturally with the farming and logging society of western Maine. "That sort of provincial humor fits an area like Maine, somewhat isolated, insulated, eccentric—highly individualized. What people say isn't dictated by social pressure."

Joe Perham keeps busy filling speaking engagements throughout New England, as well as donating time to the area schools to talk with students about folklore and humor. He also hires out as a tour guide, of sorts, giving talks before busloads of visitors staying at local hostels. He says of these latter audiences: "It takes awhile to educate them as to what Maine humor is. They expect you to put on the Maine accent."

He points out that the humor of interior Maine is different from the Down East humor of coastal Maine, popularized by Marshall Dodge and Bob Bryan of "Bert and I" fame.

This is not to say that he doesn't tell his stories without a Maine accent. He does. In fact, in his story about a 75-year-old farmer in Gilead, Maine, on the New Hampshire border, he goes to great lengths to explain that the farmer's farm was on "the Evans Notch Road" pronounced as in "wood". When the surveyors came to re-survey the "road," they found that the old man's farm was actually in New Hampshire—not in Gilead at all. "I thank the good God Almighty," exclaimed the oldtimer. "I never could have stood another of them Maine winters."

Joe Perham wasn't always a storyteller. He eschews calling himself

a comedian. "I'm not a humorous person. I'm a student of humor. I think of myself as an interpreter rather than a funny person."

But he was always able to get up and talk before an audience, even in high school and college. "I played baseball and basketball with the best of them, but I excelled in public speaking."

In college, Colby, he also excelled on the stage. Willy Loman ("Death of a Salesman") and Hamlet were his two favorite roles. "I still remember most of the lines," he says.

From there it was a natural progression to play the actor, even the comic actor, in front of his classes of high school students. "I didn't feel comfortable unless the kids laughed at least once during the period."

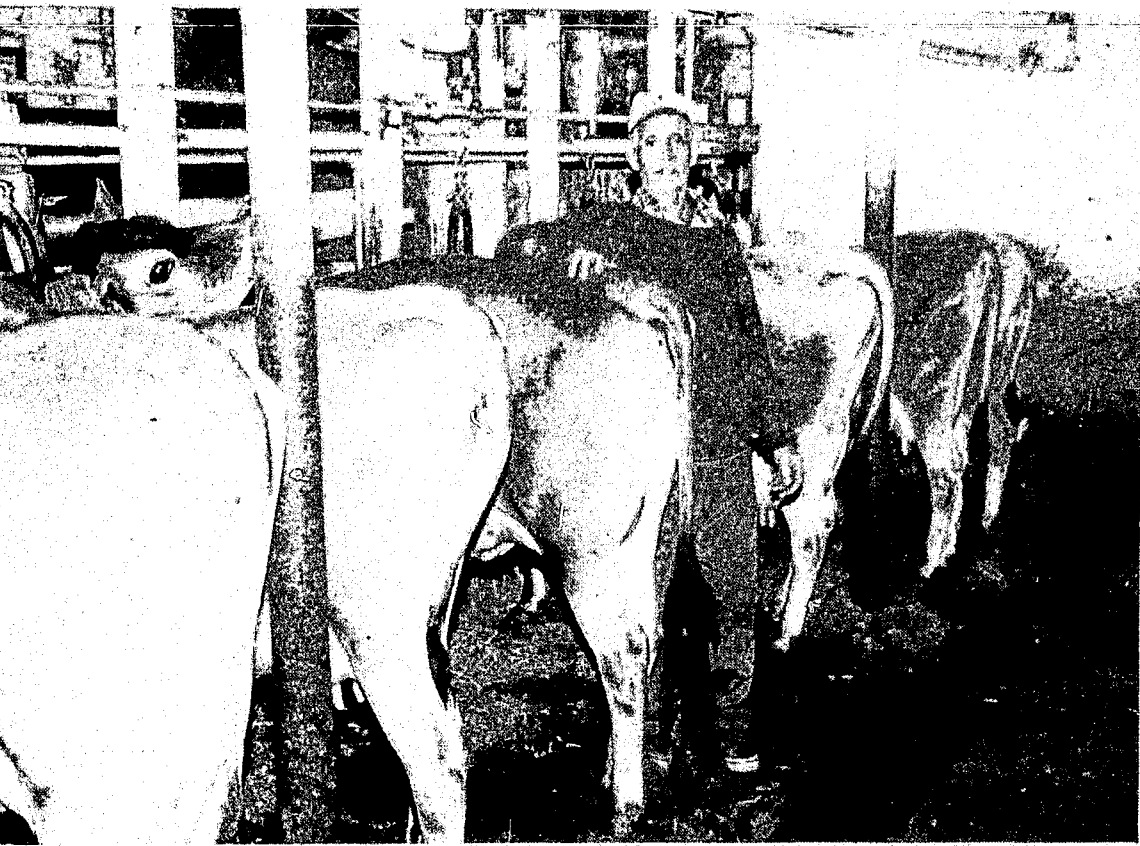
From classroom lectures he expanded his speaking activities to encompass literary talks before women's groups, and from there he began entertaining at businessmen's luncheons and dinners. "The interesting thing about the work is the variety of the audiences," he says.

And he enjoys it. "I find a lot of personal justification in doing humor. I get as much satisfaction amusing someone as inspiring them. I know life requires some pretty severe disciplines, but I prefer to deal with life informally."

As do his characters. Such as Clyde, who, according to his creator, "may be a few bricks short of a load."

Clyde, being known for his dim-wittedness, was made sport of by one of the town jokers, who used to always play a game with Clyde, holding out for him two coins—a nickel in one hand and a dime in the other—and inviting Clyde to take the coin he thought was most valuable. Well Clyde always chose the nickel, because it was bigger.

Another townsman came up to him one day and said, "Clyde, don't be



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stupid, take the smaller one. The dime is worth twice as much as the nickel."

Clyde responded: "But if I choose the dime, he'll stop playing the game."

Clyde is a good example of a Perham hero: "the Maine farmer (who) rises to any occasion with a comment that makes him the winner."

He offers one more example: Back during the Depression, the WPA had a project in town to dig a huge hole in which the agency planned to build a gymnasium. One local, looking at the

hole getting bigger each day, asked a man helping on the job what the hole was going to contain. "We're going to bury all the damn fools in there," the worker told him. The local responded:

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Oxford County, in which Bethel is located, is a treasure chest holding more than one third of the world's mineral varieties, including such beautiful gem materials as tourmaline, aquamarine and amethyst. The fine mineral specimens and exquisite gems produced by these locales have been highly prized by mineralogists and collectors since early in the 1800s.

Sporadic mining for commercially valuable minerals, and the search for gem materials, have unearthed a wealth of discoveries, which have made the area world famous. The discovery of gem tourmaline at Paris Hill, near West Paris, in 1820 led to the development of Mount Mica, which is one of the region's most historical and better-known locales. The world's largest crystals of beryl were found at the Bumpus Quarry in 1929, and two of these mammoth specimens are displayed at the American Museum of Natural History today.

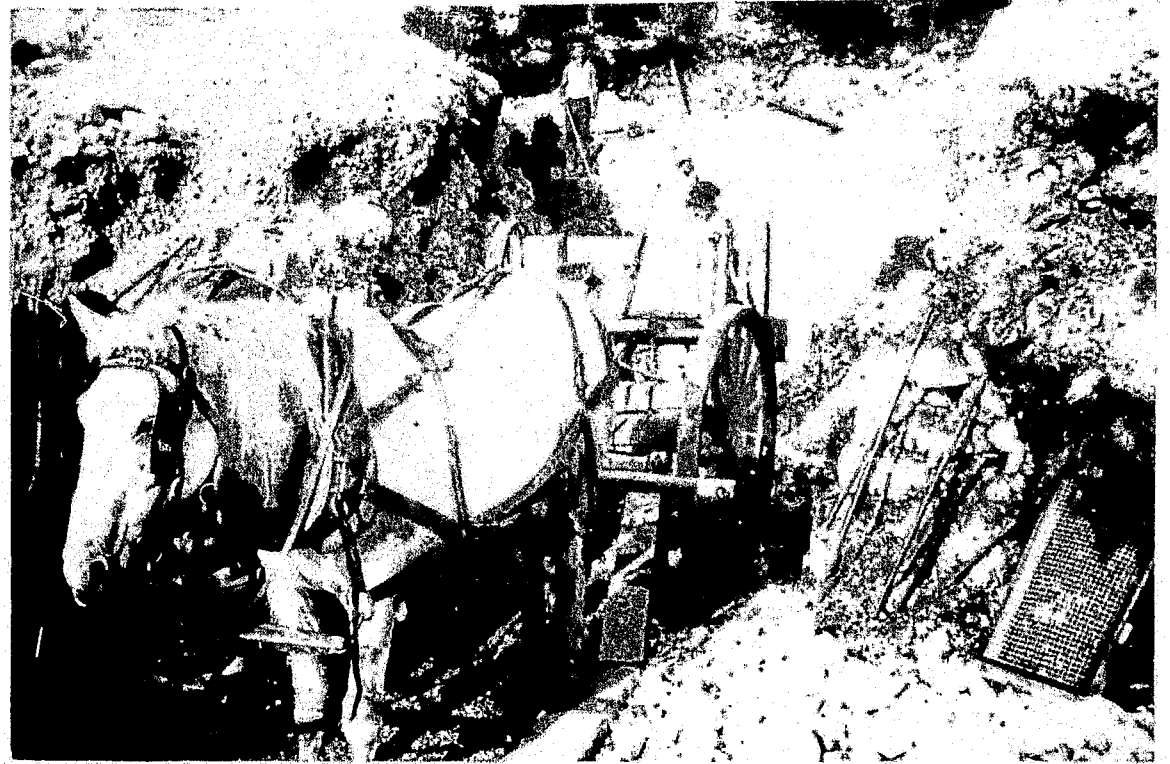
The area's latest coup took place in

1972-73, when the world's largest and most bountiful pocket of gem tourmaline was discovered at the Dunton Quarry in Newry. Many of the minerals found in the area are rarities, and some are native only to Oxford County.

The quarries in the area are shallow, open pits, and unless they are being mined they are usually filled with water. The best prospecting is done in the dump areas of tailings that surround each quarry. They are composed of material discarded by miners who were too busy working for feldspar or mica to pick it over for good specimens or gem materials. This waste is a gold mine for the collector, and many fine specimens are recovered from the dumps each year.

How to begin your rockhounding venture? The most important thing to remember is that each quarry is privately owned and you should obtain permission from the owner before you make your visit. Five local quarries are owned and maintained especially for collectors by Perham's Of West Paris, and they freely distribute a map giving directions for reaching them. At Perham's, and at The Gem Shop, in Bethel, you will also be able to obtain much information about other quarries in the area.

What will you need for equipment? Unlike so many hobbies, which require various sorts of gear and equipment, the



THE LOCAL QUARRIES used to be quite active, and the tailings still provide fascinating gems for the picking.

only "must" item for collecting minerals is a healthy curiosity. From that point it's entirely up to you. You might choose to carry along a small pick or hammer, but it's not necessary. It's

always a good idea to have a sack or container in which to carry your treasures home. More avid collectors bring along a shovel to allow them to delve into the depths of the dump

rubble.

Another nice thing about mineral collecting is that it's a very safe activity. No visitors are allowed in the quarries when mining is being done and you'll have no problems if you observe simple habits of common sense. Throwing rocks in the dump area is a definite "no" and it's not a good idea to wander too close to the edge of the quarries. When you set off on a collecting jaunt, it's a good idea to bring along a few band-aids, since some rocks have sharp edges.

Now for the all-important question: "What will I find?" Beginning collectors often have the best luck of all, and children do really well. (They're closer to the ground than adults!) There are a variety of minerals you will be likely to

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Rockhounding

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 feldspar (opaque, colorless or amber), lithium (dark red), crystals of tourmaline and amethyst, which occurs in the area. Others you may find are tourmaline; both pearly and clear. Mount Mica, located near Bethel, may find crystals of tourmaline; both pearly and clear. A good way to pick up each piece that has a different appearance. As a beginner, you can start with making identification specimens. The following are some of the best places to go to find minerals. Of West Paris or The Gem Shop, in Bethel, is glad to come to you to recognize the different minerals. The shops sell local minerals. nationally, at Perham's Of West Paris, in Bethel, permanent museum of minerals. County minerals, helpful with making identification. The neophyte mineral collector does have an excellent chance of finding nice specimens. a matter of being in the right place at the right time.

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Rockhounding

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find at all the quarries. These include feldspar (opaque white), quartz (colorless or amber), little crystals of garnet (dark red), crystals or pieces of black tourmaline and amber or black mica, which occurs in thin sheets. After picking up these basic minerals, the list of others you may discover is endless. At Mount Mica, located in Paris Hill, you may find crystals or pieces of green tourmaline; both pink and green tourmaline are scattered throughout the dumps at the Dunton Quarry in Newry. A good way to proceed is to just pick up each piece that has a distinctively different appearance.

As a beginner, you'll need some help with making identification of your specimens. The folks at either Perham's Of West Paris or The Gem Shop will be glad to come to your aid and you'll be surprised at how quickly you'll come to recognize the different minerals. Both shops sell local minerals and, additionally, at Perham's you'll find a permanent museum display of Oxford County minerals, which will prove helpful with making identifications.

The neophyte mineral collector really does have an excellent chance of finding nice specimens. Like fishing, it's a matter of being in the right place at

the right time. Each year, many collectors who visit local quarries leave, well-pleased, with the specimens they uncovered.

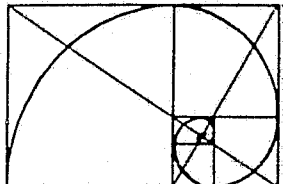
Here are a few examples of fantastic discoveries made by complete novices who really had no interest or knowledge of minerals. The gem tourmaline deposit at Mount Mica was discovered by two school boys on a brief fall-foliage hike. Farmers in Stoneham discovered a superb crystal of gem beryl while walking through their fields one day at dusk—this crystal produced the largest and finest aquamarine gemstone ever found in North America.

The unprecedented discovery of the vast quantity of gem tourmaline at the Dunton Quarry in Newry was initiated by a man who knew nothing about minerals and was just enjoying the outdoors and happened to poke about in a ledge. Sheer curiosity led to each of these significant discoveries, which are now preserved in the annals of mineralogical history.

The Bethel area offers a host of outdoor recreational activities, and mineral collecting can be enjoyable and fascinating for the whole family. Put on some comfortable shoes, take along a picnic lunch, and discover the gems and minerals of the area. You'll have a great time!



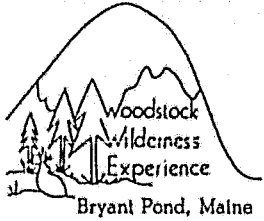
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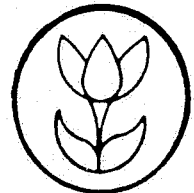
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carry are "one-of-a-kind" items. They were made to serve a certain purpose by someone who knew how much time could be saved by having such a tool. Sometimes these items are called "what's its" because we have no idea of their use. The theories that customers have about the use of these "what's its" are unique and humorous. One man said these interesting items were all he ever collected. He enjoyed having friends come into his home and speculate on the original use of his curios.

A few years back a couple entered a Bethel-area shop around 11 in the morning. The lady made her way through the aisles, having a great time. The gentleman sat in a comfortable chair by the door and started a conversation with the shop owner. During their chat he continually tried to bait the owner by saying: "This is a great day!" "What a terrific day!" "This has been the best day since we began our trip!" Finally the owner took the bait and asked, "Why?" The gentleman was happy to explain. Thus far this particular morning they had already traveled 12 miles, he said. He went on to say that many days, when the antique shops were close-together, they had traveled only five or six miles in a whole day!

For those of you who are hard-core antiques or only mildly interested, there are a number of shops in the Bethel area worth poking around in. Let's start your tour of antique shops right on Main Street in Bethel. "The



ANTIQUE SHOPS are a common feature on Main Street in Bryant Pond, as well as in Bethel, West Bethel, Hanover and surrounding communities.

Shop", operated by Richard and Ellen Whitney, carries a variety of antiques, crafts and gifts, along with "pre-owned" furniture. It is open for business all year,

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Four miles west of Bethel, on Route 2 in the village of West Bethel, you can't miss the display of stoves by the

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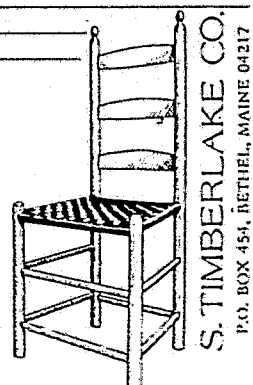
Traveling south from Bethel along Route 26 you will find "Hathaway's Antiques" in a small building at the foot of the hill just before entering Bryant Pond. John Hathaway carries an assortment of advertising and paper items, along with approximately 3,000 fruit jars. He will send you a catalog listing on request. Much of his business is done by mail order. If UPS will take it, he will ship it. John is open by chance or appointment, year 'round.

Staying on Route 26, at the sharp corner in the village of Bryant Pond, you will see the sign for "Harvey's Antiques." Barbara and Harvey Sweetser's shop is in the house and outbuilding. They deal in antique furniture

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Antiquing

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and collectibles, seven days a week, from 9 to 5.

The first shop on the main street in Bryant Pond village is "The Trading Post," owned by Martha and Nick Contos. Here is found a general assortment of old and new in what was once the village ice cream parlor. The shop is open Sunday through Friday all year.

Next up the street is "Moll Ockett Antiques," operated by Basil Seguin in what used to be the village hardware store. It is filled with an interesting variety of advertising items, general store memorabilia, small collectibles and out-of-print books. Moll Ockett is open April through October, Thursday through Monday, from 10 to 5.

Going south on Route 26, leaving the village, you will find Larry Billings' "Junkie Shop." It is in a room in the house and opens into an adjoining barn. Larry specializes in advertising items, books, glass and china and is open most afternoons from 1 to 5 all year. Starting from Bethel again, take Route 2 east about 11 miles to Hanover. You will see the sign "Oxford County Antiques." This shop is operated by Jill Hamann in a 50- by 70-foot building that was a dance hall years ago. She has nicely displayed glass and china, along with baskets, tools, prints, toys, dolls and many pieces of antique furniture. The shop is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., from June through September, and on weekends during the fall foliage season.

One mile further, in Hanover village, is the "Lyons' Den." Nancy and Elmer Lyons, Jr., have two floors of a large barn devoted to antiques. The first floor displays primitives, decoys, glass, china,

jewelry, lamps, books, records and many tools. On the second floor is pine, oak, walnut, and cherry furniture, along with rugs, quilts, frames, paintings and prints. The "Lyons' Den" is open April through October, from 9 to 5 daily; winter months, by chance or appointment.

Across the field from the "Lyons' Den" is "Maine-ly Junk" in what was

the village blacksmith shop. The proprietors are Jay, Lynn and Elmer Lyons 3rd. The stock is, as the name implies, mainly junk, with a few antique treasures included. The young entrepreneurs open their shop from 10 to 4 on most fair days throughout the summer.

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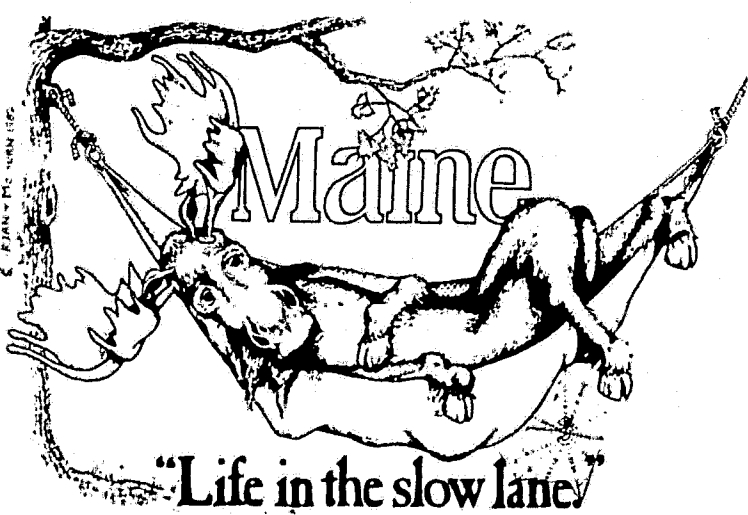
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much power that Sysko gets a regular

check from Central Maine Power Co.,
which purchases his surplus power.
Sysko, 38, runs a small hydroelectric
consulting firm in Newry, adjacent to
Bethel, called Small Hydro East. He and

his wife, Gail, and their three children
(Dustin, 8, Amanda, 7, and Anna, 3)
live in a secluded house at the end of
a twisting, three-mile dirt road leading
into the hills above Newry Corner.

"The only reason we live here is
hydro," Sysko said. "In fact, I never
thought about hydro until I saw this
site." Sysko bought the property eight
years ago. Until then, he had lived in
the Sunday River ski area, where he was
the operations manager.

The first thing he did was dam a
stream near the house, with help from
his brother, some friends, and a man
with a backhoe. "We brought eight full-
size concrete truckloads up that road,"
he said. "But this is not the Grand
Coulee Dam by any means. This is tiny
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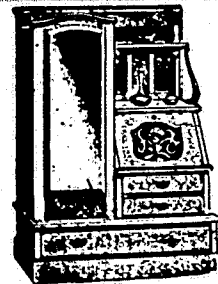
The generator at the pond has a
wheel, or turbine head, that sits a half-
dozen feet below the level of the pond
itself, housed in a small shed. "We've
lived off that power for eight years," he
said. The unit uses 10 cubic feet of
water per second to yield five kilowatts
of power.

Unfortunately, the system is what is
known as a low-head unit—one in
which the drop from pond to turbine is
small—so the water never picks up
much force. To compensate for this,
low-head units need large volumes of
water in order to be useful.

Sysko plans to retire the generator at
the pond in favor of newer, high-head
generators much farther down the
hillside. "The new one is 30 kilowatts,"
he said of one high-head unit he has
already put into service. "The old one
is five kilowatts but uses eight times as
much water."

Sysko explained that water in a
natural stream loses much of its energy
by tumbling from rock to rock. In small-
scale hydro systems, the water races
through plastic pipes laid underground,
picking up speed as it flows. Burying a
mile or two of pipe is no picnic, but the
greater efficiency is worthwhile, accord-
ing to Sysko.

In addition, piped water provides a
steady, reliable flow year-round. "Once
for a week it was 30-below every morn-
ing and it ran fine," he recalled. "There's
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the year, because the flow under the snow is constant."

The turbine head in a high-drop unit is no lazy mill wheel. In a small shed by the access road a mile or two below Sysko's house, water blasts out of a six-inch-diameter underground pipe and spins a propeller-shaped wheel at over 1,800 rpm. On one recent below-zero day, the unit's metal housing was warm from the exertion.

Sysko said he generates almost enough surplus electricity to make a decent income for his family. "There are two electric meters," he said. "One measures power going out; one measures power coming in. The first one is racking up the kilowatt hours. Central Maine Power just takes the two meters and subtracts. If it turns out I'm sending out more than I'm using, they send me a check." Sysko said he hasn't had to pay CMP an electric bill for years.

"I benefit Central Maine Power," said Sysko, "because they don't have to send power way out here, so I'm eliminating a lot of line losses for them." By law, Sysko added, CMP must pay small power sellers the same retail rate that regular customers pay for electricity. The sellers, in turn, must abide by federal utility regulations.

Although small-scale hydro is generally thought of as "clean energy," it does have its critics, Sysko admitted. Hydro systems divert water from streams, which can upset an area's ecology. In some cases, trout, salmon, and shad, which spawn in fast-running streams, can disappear. Sysko said the National Wildlife Federation has gone so far as to issue a blanket condemnation of all new hydroelectric projects.

"But you've got to get power from somewhere," Sysko said, "and every kind of electrical facility has some kind of [environmental] impact. Small hydro has the least amount of impact."

In any case, Sysko doesn't foresee small-scale hydro ever becoming as common as chainsaws and snowmobiles in the Bethel area. "From here to the New Hampshire line," he said, "there might be 20 streams. Of those, maybe six or seven are good investments. The others are marginal."

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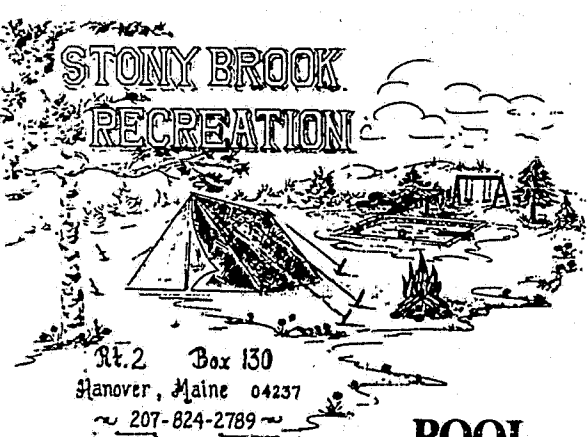
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